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HAVENNER SUES HEARST FOR RED LIBEL

REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Havenner Against Hearst

There is little danger of even the most hasty reader of this issue of The Labor Journal failing to note that we are publishing the news of the filing of a libel suit against the Hearst S. F. Examiner by Congressman Havenner.

In publishing this news we are performing a public service which should be performed by the Hearst newspapers themselves. It is barely possible that in some extremely obscure place in one of the three Hearst dailies which afflict the Bay Area there may be a news note about this matter, but certainly we have failed to find it.

Moreover, when news of a libel suit is published by either a daily paper which has been sued, or by one of its competitors, this is an unusual event. These dailies belonging to multimillionaires are forever howling about how they constitute a gloriously free press, and how they do wonderful things for the public. But when someone claims that his rights have been trampled on by one of these powerful dailies, they at once exert a censorship, and refuse to tell the news of the action brought against one of the pack.

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They Won't Print News

If a Congressman claims that he is libeled, that he has been classified along with the Communists when he isn't a Communist and doesn't deserve to be so classified, that's news. Why don't Mr. Hearst and his managing editor on the Examiner, William Wren, recognize that it's news?

Certainly if some Congressman on the Un-American Activities Committee, passionately hunting headlines, makes a libelous statement about someone he doesn't like, the Hearst papers are extremely glad to help spread the yarn.

The Congressman on the Un-American Activities Committee is armored with that immunity from prosecutions for libel and slander which a member of Congress has when he is acting in his official capacity. The Hearst papers are simply, though gleefully, quoting a public official in such a case.

But when a Congressman charges that the Hearst press has libeled him, that isn't news—not for the Hearst press, or for the owners of other big dailies.

Why is this? Every informed American knows the answer to this question. It is because the proprietors of the big dailies figure that by suppressing the news of libel suits, and hiring expensive attorneys to fight such suits, they can wear down those who bring the actions, and gradually spread the idea around that it's no use trying to buck the big daily press.

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Weasels Better'n Skunks!

Moreover, the big daily press actually accomplishes its end. No matter how badly mistreated a man may have been by a big daily, he has very little recourse. His complaints are buried in silence. If he gets judgment in court, and if it is shown that the daily mistreated him in almost inconceivably vile fashion, nothing is published about it. He is a tenth-class citizen so far as the press is concerned.

These big dailies that perpetrate such crimes against citizens love to spread big editorials on their pages telling how much better they are than the Russian Government-kept press. Yes, they are better. A weasel is better than a skunk to have prowling around the chicken yard at night, for although both a weasel and a skunk will kill your hens, the skunk does leave a bigger stink.

But it's high time our weasel press quit cutting down forests to get newsprint on which to tell the world that it's one and a half smellibels better than a skunk. It is time it began trying to be just plain decent.

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Hearst's Honor Standard

Mind you, we're not intruding on the province of the court by stating whether or not the Examiner did libel Congressman Havenner. But we are insisting that the common practice of the big dailies in failing to print news of libel actions against

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NOTICE!
Steamfitters 342

May I, at this time express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the assistance rendered me by members of Local Union 342 in the hours of my bereavement. It was certainly a blow to my wife and myself to have lost our son Tommy with polio, and to augment this loss, our little girl five years old, I am afraid now has polio also.

May I further say that the understanding and helpfulness of members of 342 extended to us during those trying days has encouraged us in our battle to ward off this terrible plague which has invaded our home. It is people like you who encourage us and give us strength to carry on our fight. Again, many, many thanks from Mrs. Day and myself.

CHARLIE DAY.

School Fire Hazards Are Cited

Citizens Committee on Education Gets the City Council of Oakland to Take Action; School Head Formerly of Bay Area Criticizes Teacher Unions

The Oakland City Council has asked the Fire Marshal to make a report within 30 days on the fire hazards in the public school buildings.

This action by the Council was taken as the result of a letter to the Mayor and Council from Leon C. Babbitt, chairman of the Citizens Committee on Education. The City Council also called the Board of Educations attention to the letter.

The letter called attention not only to what Babbitt felt were fire hazards in the school buildings, but earthquake hazards.

Councilman Shattuck contended that the condition of the school buildings was a subject for the Board of Education to grapple with, rather than the Council.

Speakers for the Citizens Committee on Education said that the matter had been called to the attention of the Board of Education for years, but that nothing had come of it, and that, moreover, the condition of the school buildings is under the City Charter the direct responsibility of the City Council.

QUAKE HAZARDS

The City Council took no action on the earthquake hazards. Members of the Citizens Committee on Education at their meeting Wednesday of this week commented on the fact that very shortly after the presentation of the matter to the City Council there was a slight earthquake in the Bay Area, following a series of quakes at Reno and other points not too far away.

"It looks as though the earthquakes themselves were going to give us a few little warnings about the need for looking into the condition of our schools here," said a member of the Citizens Committee to The Labor Journal.

The Citizens Committee at its meeting Wednesday looked into the question of personal, as well as official responsibility, of Board of Education members for the safety of children in school buildings.

A MAYOR'S COMMITTEE?

The daily papers, which have been on the whole ignoring previous statements of the Citizens Committee, gave space to the statements in Babbitt's letter, and to the action taken by the City Council on fire hazards.

Another matter discussed by the Citizens Committee Wednesday was the possibility of having a Mayor's Committee on Education set up to go into the need for a survey of the entire school situation. The Citizens Committee has asked the Board of Education to move toward such a survey.

CHING WRITES UNION

Some time ago The Labor Journal published a report that Fred Ching, formerly a school principal in Oakland, but now Superintendent of Schools in Salinas, was among those who would like to succeed Oakland School Superintendent Odell, who will leave that post to join the Stanford faculty.

W. S. Briscoe, now Superintendent of Schools at Santa Monica, but for years with the Oakland school system, has been recommended as Odell's successor by the Citizens Committee on Education, headed by Leon C. Babbitt, and the Education Committee of the Central Labor Council has also recommended Briscoe for the position.

The Oakland Board of Education has made no announcement about Ching, but Ching is in the news so far as labor is concerned, due to a letter he wrote Fred Clayson, secretary of American Federation of Teachers Local 1020 at Salinas. Clayson had asked Ching to express himself in writing concerning his attitude toward teachers' unions.

The Labor Journal prints below Superintendent Ching's letter in full:

CHING'S LETTER

Mr. Fred Clayson, Secretary
American Federation of Teachers
Salinas Local 1020
Salinas, California

Dear Mr. Clayson:

Your letter of November 1 requests that I give to you a written statement which can be quoted with regard to my " . . . attitude toward the American Federation of Teachers Local 1020, and teacher unions in general." This statement which I am making herewith is in reply to your request, I would like to stipulate, however, that if you do quote me on this matter, you use the entire statement rather than any portion of it. Furthermore, I want it expressly understood that this statement does not in any way represent an expression of the Board of Education or of the Board of Trustees, or of my office as Superintendent of the Salinas Schools. I am making this statement as a public school Administrator interested in the welfare of public education.

If I were to confine my remarks to replying directly to your question as to my "attitude toward AFT, Local 1020 . . .", I would simply state that I know nothing about it, other than what I have read in two or three issues of your "Newsletter." I do, however, have certain "impressions" which I have gained from teacher unions in general which I am going to give to you at this time.

Since I do not know who is a

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Strike Vote By Culinary Crafts Jan. 12

Culinary unions which have been turned down flat on any wage increases whatsoever will hold mass meetings Monday afternoon and evening, January 10, at the Civic Auditorium.

The mass meetings will be preparatory to the taking of a strike vote Wednesday, January 12, at Cooks Hall, 1604 Webster street.

The Monday afternoon meeting begins at 3:00 p.m., and the evening meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Wednesday polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

United Employers, Inc., representing the hotel, restaurant, and tavern owners, this week turned down flatly any idea of raising any wage for the unions engaged in the negotiations, Cooks 228, Culinary Alliance 31, and Bartenders 52.

C. T. McDonough, international representative, was meeting with the Culinary Joint Board to consider the situation.

The contract runs until 1950, but has been opened under a clause providing for discussion of wages alone.

CORRECTION

Through an editorial error, The Labor Journal stated in previous issues that the culinary contract runs until 1952. Readers please note that the contract actually runs until 1950.

S. F. Taxi Drivers, 2000 of 'em, Out

The 2000 drivers of taxis for the five major cab companies in San Francisco, who reached an impasse with the employers New Year's Eve, were off duty this week.

A. G. Costa, secretary of AFL Chauffeurs Local 265, charged that "the Yellow Cab Company locked us out after we agreed to exempt them from the strike in the public interest."

Lansing Rothschild, head of the company, denied this, saying, "This is a strike."

About 250 taxis, operated by independents who signed with the union, were running, but the 650 cabs of the big companies were not.

Before negotiations broke off, the association offered drivers a daily guaranteed wage of $9.75, or 49 percent of the receipts, whichever is higher. The drivers currently get $9. They are asking for $10 or 50 percent of the take.

NLRB Election in Hollywood is Set

IATSE Press Release

The National Labor Relations Board directed separate representation elections for Hollywood motion picture studio machine shop employes and automotive mechanics, as requested by IATSE Local 789 and Teamsters' Local No. 399.

Machinists will vote whether they want to be represented by the Motion Picture Studio Cinetechnicians, Local 789 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes-AFL, or by the independent union. Automotive mechanics will choose between Studio Transportation Drivers, Local 399 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL, or the IAM.

Council Will Slap Tax on Key System

Following an 18-month negotiation with Key System which came to nothing, the Oakland City Council has voted to impose a 2 percent gross receipts tax on the transit company, a "tax without a franchise."

Special Notice Painters Local 127

The next meeting of the local will be held on Thursday January 13th at 8 P. M. in the new Labor Temple 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

All brothers urged to attend this meeting.

HUGH S. RUTLEDGE,
Financial Secretary.

WILLIAM P. FEE

Fee, 20 Years With Central Council, Is Given an Ovation

William Patrick Fee, assistant secretary and business representative of the Central Labor Council, was given an ovation at the meeting of that body Monday.

Fee has now been with the Council 20 years, ten years as president, and ten years in his present position.

Part of his job is to sit in on the negotiations of the unions affiliated with the Council, and in this connection, President William Spooner of Culinary Alliance 31 paid Fee a tribute for the faithful work he has been doing in the negotiations on the culinary wage issue.

Building Industry Held in NLRB Area

Dispatches from Washington this week reported that Trial Examiner Earl S. Bellman, in his report involving an unfair labor practice charge in a Connecticut case, has held that a labor dispute in the building of a $15,000 home affects interstate commerce. This makes the dispute subject to NLRB orders, if his ruling is sustained by the board.

For 12 years under the Wagner Act the NLRB refused to take jurisdiction in cases involving the building and construction industry, on the theory that they did not involve interstate commerce. General Counsel Denham of the NLRB under the Taft-Hartley law has contended that building industry cases do come under the NLRB.

Bellman held that a $325 electrical subcontract on the $15,000 house in Connecticut involved dealings with firms in various States.

Pressmen Pension Plan is Approved

Secretary C. A. Moreno of Oakland Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Local 125 announces that the increased pension carried in the international referendum by a large majority.

New increased dues for the union are effective beginning with January.

More Local News On Pages 2 and 3

Congressman Asks $350,000 For 'Kremlin' Charge

Congressman Franck R. Havenner pro-labor Democrat, has sued Hearst's San Francisco Examiner and that paper's managing editor William Wren, for $350,000 libel damages.

The suit is the result of an editorial published by the Examiner on October 27, a few days before the election, which asserted that "a vote for Havenner is a vote for Bridges and the Kremlin."

The action was filed in Federal District Court in San Francisco by Elmer P. Delany, attorney, whose offices are at 2600 Russ building. Delany was Havenner's campaign manager in the bitter struggle which was won by Havenner for reelection in San Francisco's Fourth Congressional District.

Havenner, who voted in Congress against the Taft-Hartley Law, had strong labor support throughout the campaign, and the Examiner, long considered by labor the center of anti-union journalism in San Francisco, leaped into the fray with zest.

THE FATEFUL EDITORIAL

The fateful editorial of October 27 was headed "A Vote for Havenner is a Vote for Bridges."

Havenner's effort to win the Mayor's post in a previous campaign was noted, and then the editorial proceeded to declare that the Congressman in his fight for reelection was the "candidate of the Communists and Harry Bridges."

Havenner, the editorial insisted, had "well earned the support" of the elements backing him, and "deserves the Moscow vote." The attack concluded with the words already quoted, that "a vote for Havenner is a vote for Bridges and the Kremlin."

Havenner's friends told The Labor Journal that this editorial, appearing just six days before the election, was allowed to stand as the Hearst paper's word of wisdom on the election until November 17, more than two weeks after the election of November 2, although Havenner on October 28, the day after the editorial was printed, demanded a retraction.

THE "RETRACTION"

Finally, on November 17, the Examiner printed what Delany characterizes as "something that purports to be a retraction."

This piece was headed "A Retraction of Havenner Editorial."

It declared that "insofar as this editorial could be interpreted as questioning Mr. Havenner's loyalty to the United States, or labeling him as a Communist, or a Communist sympathizer, or a Communist supporter, it is hereby retracted."

DAILIES SUPPRESS STORY

The Labor Journal is informed that the only daily newspaper in the Bay Area which published any account of the filing of the libel action was the San Francisco News, and that it ran a brief story in only one edition, and then dropped it.

Those knowing in the ways of the big dailies assume that the Hearst forces immediately brought pressure on the News, and that the story's omission in the following editions was the result of this.

The Labor Journal has received reports of various forms of pressure exerted to force Havenner to drop his action, but Havenner is known as a tough fighter, and it

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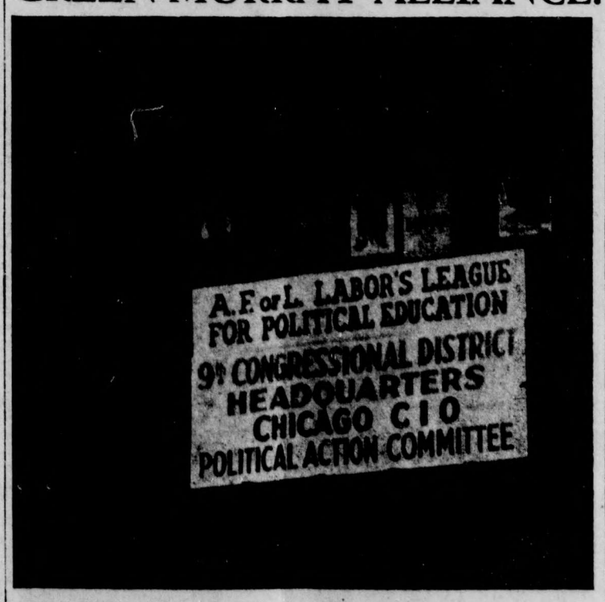
GREEN-MURRAY ALLIANCE!



HERE'S REAL UNITY!—The Labor Journal reprints above a remarkable picture which appeared originally in the Picket, aggressive publication of Typographical Local 16, of Chicago. As most labor people know, members of that local are on strike against the big Chicago dailies. The picture shows that Chicago AFL people are not only interested in economic, but in political affairs. And as The Labor Journal goes to press, word comes from Labor Press Associates that in Toledo, Ohio, the United Labor Committee, formed to elect Congressman Thomas H. Burke, has become a permanent organization with representatives from AFL, CIO, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and Mechanics' Educational Society of America.

AFL News Service Gives Goldberger, Havenner Tribute

By PAT FRAYNE
West Coast Correspondent for AFL News Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Tribute was paid by 1,000 San Francisco Bay area unionists to Jack Goldberger, president of the San Francisco Labor Council and President of the San Francisco Union Labor Party, in a post-election banquet held in the Fairmont Hotel Goldroom.

Goldberger, business manager of the Newspaper, Periodical Drivers and Helpers Union, was co-guest of honor with Congressman Franck R. Havenner, in whose campaign the Union Labor Party had played a most important part.

Chairman of the evening was John Hogg, president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council. Speakers included Daniel Flanagan, regional representative of the AFL; C. J. "Neil" Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, and Attorney Elmer Delaney, chairman of the Havenner for Congress committee. Cameron King, secretary of the Union Labor Party, read telegrams and messages of congratulations.

RING FOR GOLDBERGER

High points in the banquet were addresses by both Jack Goldberger and Congressman Havenner. As a remembrance of the successful campaign, Goldberger was presented with a diamond ring which was contributed to by all the guests present.

The return of Havenner to Congress was a victory for progressive and liberal forces in San Francisco's Fourth Congressional District. Havenner voted against the Taft-Hartley law and voted to sustain the President's veto of that punitive measure. The Union Labor Party, under Goldberger's direction, had conducted a coordinated campaign with Democratic clubs and sustained a house-to-house coverage with Truman-Barkley literature as well as Havenner pamphlets. A precinct workers system was set up under the direction of Secretary Cameron King.

The victory in this campaign, said Goldberger, was only the beginning of a more coordinated participation by union labor in the affairs of government.

FARMERS FOR TRUMAN

"It wasn't a labor victory alone on a national or a local level," said Goldberger. "Those who toil in the fields as well as in the factories had found common ground in retaining our present national administration—as it was a victory of the average man at the polls. It will be our job, as residents of large cities, to make those who own and work on the farms of America and California, recognize that when city workers are well paid and well housed that they are able to keep up the prosperity of the farmer. We all have a job to do to fight those selfish forces which seek to create distrust between the factory worker and the field worker.

"Labor, organized and unorganized, is composed of home owners, taxpayers, church-goers and folks who want the best educational advantages for their children for a sounder American citizenry."

Congressman Havenner thanked the Union Labor Party for the work it had done in his behalf.

"I have stood up for those things which are needed by our American people, even when the days were darkest," said Havenner. "I shall continue to carry on this fight, and probably with more telling effect now that President Truman has been given a Democratic Congress and Senate."

Paint Makers Name C. Herman 4th Time

Charles Herman has been re-elected 18-month trustee of Paint Makers Local 1101 for the fourth time.

Herman had the honor of being the first officer of the union installed in the new Labor Temple.

OAKLAND PRINTING PRESSMEN and Assistants, Local 125, holds its regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 17, in the Pacific Room, second floor of Pacific Building, 610 16th street, Oakland, President E. N. Dowdall and Secretary C. A. Moreno announce.

Teamsters On Strike Verge Win Increase

The fact that brussels sprouts, cauliflower, potatoes, carrots, and a few other indispensables are still being hauled by members of Teamsters' Local 70 is due, a last-minute settlement reached just as 1948 went out of business.

The 79 members of the Local 70 who drive trucks for Oakland's produce commission merchants had voted to strike at midnight on the last day of the year, when their contract expired.

But President George King of Local 70 thought there was a bare possibility of achieving a compact before the deadline. So he called a special meeting of the Produce Division of the local for 3 p.m. on the last day of the year.

At the special meeting one more proposal by the Produce Commission Merchants Association, of which Walter Harris is secretary, was presented. But it still looked as though the two sides of the contest couldn't agree.

"Well, I didn't think we could get 'em together, but we did!" said King after the meeting.

The produce drivers now get $72.50 a week instead of the former $67, retain their two weeks vacation with pay, and get 8 paid holidays instead of the former 6.

So now the brussel sprouts are rolling.

City Council Told Bus Drivers Face Serious Problems

President E. H. Henson of Carmen's Division 192 and Secretary Robert Ash of the Central Labor Council went before the Oakland City Council Tuesday to protest the conditions under which drivers of Key System buses are forced to operate.

Henson told The Labor Journal later:

"The City Council ought to get off the dime and give our boys a chance to operate the buses under decent conditions. The red zones, the passenger loading zones for the motor-coaches are totally inadequate.

"So far all that has been done is to keep the traffic policemen from arresting our men for the inevitable breaches of traffic regulations under present conditions. But a great deal more of a constructive nature has to be done by the City Council.

"Three or more buses now have to try to use the same zone at one time, and the traffic bottlenecks force them to drive at a snail's pace through the city. And it's the drivers that get the criticism from the public, not the Key System or the City Council."

The night before, Henson in talking to the Central Labor Council stressed the need for protecting the contract and seniority rights of the 2400 members of Carmen's Division 192 if Oakland or a combinataion of East Bay cities should take over the ownership of the Key System.

Henson pointed out that in San Francisco where the transit system is municipally owned, the city refuses to sign a contract with the union. He said that it should be kept clearly in mind that if municipal ownership comes here, no such condition should be allowed to prevail.

Cooks and Firemen Want Sailors' Deal

The CIO Marine Cooks and the independent Marine Firemen have formally asked the Pacific American Shipowners Association to reopen wage negotiations on the basis of a $7.50 monthly clothing allowance conceded to the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific.

The Cooks and the Firemen contended that the clothing allowance is a "disguised wage increase, and say that their contracts provide for a wage review if other unlicensed personnel are granted higher pay than the Cooks and Firemen won in the 95-day maritime strike.

The agreement with the AFL Sailors was reached in the last week of 1948. Under it, the union gets not only the clothing allowance, but a wage rise of from $16 to $35 a month depending on job classifications.

Berry's Estate is Listed at $750,000

Dispatches from Rogersville, Tenn., state that the will of the late George L. Berry, president of the Printing Pressmen's Union, has been placed on file, that it is 17 pages long, and disposes of an estate valued at some $750,000, the largest single portion going to the widow, Mrs. Marie Gehres Berry.

Berry, as previously reported in The Labor Journal, has been succeeded as international president of the union by Herbert De la Rosa of California.

Nothing Personal

That's quite a building the Labor Temple Association of Alameda County has tossed up on the corner of 23rd and Valdez Streets and it's some tribute to the AFL Labor movement of this county. Built to house those Temple "owners" besides the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council, the new Temple is replete with meeting halls both large and small that can accommodate meetings from a mere "handful" 'to the largest unions in the county.

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Not being a student of architecture we fail to place the immediate "style" only to say that it is built along modern lines and is quite a sight to behold. From the large assembly room on the "below ground level" floor to the huge semi-cylindrical main meeting hall on floor 4, the entire building is light, and cheery and the offices throughout the temple are a 100% improvement over those in the old temple. The offices are well lighted and although at the present time the Temple in the early morning hours is cold as Greenlands Icy Mountain, we believe that as soon as the new cement thaws out the temperature will rise enough to keep everyone comfortable.

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There is an up-to-date ventilating system throughout the meeting halls that changes the air every few minutes and keeps the air nice and clean although a bit nippy at present. The modern engineering plant on the top floor is an innovation as we understand it 'cause heretofore most engineering plants have been in the basement or cellar but this one that heats and changes the air is in the highest spot in the new building and it seems to perform as well or better than the conventional type.

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The main hall is situated on the uppermost floor with a swell view overlooking the tip of Lake Merritt and Grand Avenue plus the Oakland foothills, while the next largest hall is right on the main floor in the exact center of the building. The Central Labor Council held its first meeting of the new year in this hall and it proved most satisfactory being a swell improvement over the barn like structure that served the purpose at 2111 Webster. The hall is sound proofed as are all the others and it is large enough to accommodate up to about 250 seated.

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All of the unions have moved in and while some are all perfectly settled and ready to take care of their members, others are still in a state of slight "movitis" with carpenters and building tradesmen moving in and out tossing up partitions here and there, painting and cleaning the places up, and in general fixing up the offices to fit the particular style of the new owners. To the credit of all the unions that have moved in they all went "first kip" and while some went a little heavier than others in buying all new furniture, new desks, new rugs and all the trimmings, all of the unions have fixed up the new offices as regally befits a new home.

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The main assembly hall which is in the below ground floor is a massive place with about 5000 square feet with the recreation room, the bar where beer and sandwiches plus soft drinks are sold, a huge storage room to keep the soft drinks and two other rooms that are planned for storage space, and about four offices that use the main assembly hall as a call room for their members. A public address system throughout the building connects each office with the main assembly room where members can be called over the system and dispatched to different jobs. The hall has 4 wide entrances that lead down from the two streets (23rd and Valdez) above and can be reached from three sides. The ventilating system there is the same as throughout the building with both the heat and the "new" air being blown into the hall every few minutes.

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However it is the main meeting hall on the top floor that really catches the eye. Built in a semi-cylindrical effect we understand that a person standing or sitting on the stage can be heard any place in the hall speaking in a low tone of voice. Tastefully decorated in green and a wine color the main hall is large enough to house the largest union in the county and still small enough to get away from the barn like structures that large halls seem to

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States Can Forbid Closed Shop: Court

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled this week that States can outlaw the closed shop.

The court upheld enactments by three States, North Carolina, Nebraska, and Arizona, which ban discrimination in employment against any worker because he is not a member of a union.

The court was unanimous in two of the cases, but held 8 to 1 in to the Arizona case, with Justice Murphy dissenting.

Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Russell Bishop, Frank Bonner, Walter Cavanaugh, Louis Daniels, Walter Davisson, Emil Falk, William Fowler, E. H. Fullmer, Oren Ferguson, Virgil Johnson, Fred Leithoff, W. B. Longstreth, Antone Maciel, C. R. Mansir, J. C. McAdams, Albert C. Scott and W. R. Van Valer.

It is with regret that we report the death of brother Jack Hilton who passed away the day before Christmas. The officers and members of the local extend their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

It's an old saying (Confusion to our enemies) but we evidently wished this upon ourselves when we started moving into our new quarters. That is one reason why these notes have not been in the last two weeks issue. However we are again settled now in the new Labor Temple and are again on an even keel. It seems as though a good many of the brothers get this paper and still do not take time to read it, because they did not know we have moved from our old quarters although this has been front line news for the past month. And again we find a few of the brothers who do not get this because we have no address for them.

ENTERTAINMENT AND ANNUAL BALL

The entertainment committee has aranged for a good many events during the past year but the main event will be our Annual Ball and Entertainment which will be held on **Saturday, January 22, 1949** in the New Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez Street. Dancing will start at 8 P. M. and continue until midnight or later. It has been our experience in the past that it will be later. A fine floor show will start at 9:00 P.M. and refreshments will be served. It was our intention to have a regular dinner along with the ball but this will be impossible so refreshments such as hot dogs, ice cream, soda pop etc. will be served. Also there will be no facilities for checking so we ask all the brothers to leave their hats, coats etc. in their car. Next week we will continue with further information.

WORK CONDITIONS

As is usual at this time of the year work has slowed down considerably and we have quite a few of the brothers on the out of work list. It appears that this is a temporary situation and should clear up as soon as the weather gets better. In the mean time the brothers can give a little help by having your employer call into the office if he can use another man.

Next meeting of the local will be on Thursday January 13th in the new Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez street, just a few blocks distant from our old building. While no promises are made it may be that some surprise might pop up at this meeting. Don't forget to ask for the card.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The January meeting of the Pacific Coast Council will be held in Portland, Oregon, the week-end of the 22nd and 23rd.

I reported approximately a month ago that the Portland Local had reaffiliated with the Council and that another attempt to bring about some stabilization in the Watch Crystal Industry would be made.

It is hoped that all the Locals on the Pacific coast will agree to a program of stabilization in the Watch Crystal Industry. I am confident that such a program would not only be beneficial to the workers, but to the Industry in general. The Delegates from our Local will make another try in this direction.

Due to the time element involved in travel to Portland, the Executive Board meeting this month will be advanced one week and will be held on Thursday, January 13.

Insurance payments for the month of December were as follows:

George L. Burgess—Sickness Benefits	$147.00
Dora Mae Warren—Medical and Sickness Benefits	331.00
William Kiel—Medical	30.00
Oscar Hochstrasser—Medical, Diagnostic X-Ray and Sickness Benefits	174.50
Eugene A. Pratt (Son of Etta Alice Pratt)—Hospital and Hospital Extras	81.00
Michael F. Killian—Diagnostic Tests	17.50
William F. Alliston—Diagnostic Tests, Medical and Sickness Benefits	45.30
George L. Burgess—Hospital, Hospital Extras, Surgical and Sickness Benefits	731.35
Hubert L. Loeb—Hospital, Hospital Extras, Diagnostic X-Ray and Accident Benefit	186.00
James J. Hainey—Sickness Benefits	63.00

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

Activity in your local union has been limited in the past week by the holidays, so we have little to report this issue.

With the holiday season over, however, we expect to have a great deal about organization, new contracts and new union benefits to report in the coming weeks.

Every member should be taking an interest in some branch of union activity and the best way to start doing that is to attend meetings regularly.

On the 2nd Thursday of each month the meeting is held at the Machinists Hall in Richmond but Oakland members are always urged to attend.

The meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month is held at 1918 Grove street.

Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Attend every meeting you can and your union will be stronger!

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice Christmas. Everyone is so busy during the holidays, so there is not much news.

There were twenty-two tables at the card party held December 11. One of our past presidents, Dora French, won first prize. Willard Scott won consolation and a door prize. Wm. Prosser won the ham.

Our Christmas party was a grand affair. Lots of credit goes to Chairlady Estelle Kerins and her helpers. The decorations and food were lovely. Gifts were exchanged and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The past presidents had their Christmas party at the home of Elma Stone on December 10. A letter was read from our baby past president, Lois Girard, who now resides in Reno, Nevada.

Sorry, folks, but I have misplaced my birthday list, so cannot give names of members who have birthdays in January. Happy birthday to each one.

ELMA STONE,
Recording Secretary.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters' Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160 will hold their next meeting on January 14. This will be our social night and as you know our social committee has been very busy on our last socials and gave us a very good time. Show your appreciation by attending this, their last social.

I am sorry to say Florence Howard lost her father on New Year's day. Mr. Saultenstrom has been very ill for some time. Some times it is a blessing that those who are so ill are called to their last rest. They are out of pain and suffering but to those who are left behind, as Florence, she has lost her father. All our sympathy, Florence.

Mary Nall has been ill but by the time I heard of it she was well again. Just the same, Mary, be careful. Old Man Flu is no friend of any of us.

President Jean Kinney spent Christmas with relatives down Fresno way. Jean reports a wonderful time. She also entertained relatives and friends over the New Year.

I know many of our members also entertained over the holidays but I do not know any details.

This is a quiet week with everyone getting back on the job and their regular routine. About all we can do is to send greetings to all and hope that all are well and planning for a very good year for 1949. I think the following by Lincoln will better express our sentiments than anything I have come across for a long time:

"All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between those two. The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside the family relations, should be one uniting all working people of all nations and tongues and kindreds."

Let us read and ponder this and follow it to our best ability. I think we will find it good.

Remember to buy Union with Union or any other kind of money. You will assist to build a very happy and prosperous new year for all.

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent.

1949 Legislature And Congress Open

In this historic first week of the New Year, California launched its Hundredth Year Legislature and the United States its 81st Congress.

LEGISLATURE

Governor Warren's address on the Condition of the State made it plain in 18 sections that there are lots of things to think about and fight about.

CONGRESS

Reactionary Democrat McKellar defeated reactionary Democrat Tydings for Chairman Pro Tem of Senate.

Senator Taft held to the chairmanship of the Republican Policy Committee, defeating the "liberal" Republican Senator Lodge 28 to 14. By the same vote "liberal" Senator Knowland of California was defeated by Taft's pal, Senator Wherry, for the GOP floor leadership.

In the House the Truman Democrats won a sensational victory, 275 to 142, reducing the power of the Rules Committee, so that legislation disliked by reactionaries, such as the repeal of the T-H Law, can break past the committee and get on the floor of the House.

And House and Senate heard labor-backed President Truman's historic speech on the State of the Union, commencing.

"I have the pleasure to report that the State of the Union is good!"

When the President referred in uncomplimentary fashion to a measure which he said was "sometimes called the Taft-Hartley Act," and urged its repeal, there was loud in cheering from the Congress which roared out over the radio.

"The Wagner Act should be reenacted," he added, and then suggested various clauses which he felt should be added to check jurisdictional strikes, and other industrial complications.

Realty Lobbyist's Record is Exposed

PHILADELPHIA (LPA)—Arthur W. Binns, head of one of the biggest anti-rent control, anti-housing lobbies in Washington was exposed as the "worst operator of fire-traps and health menaces" in the Philadelphia slums.

Binns, president of National Home and Property Owners Foundation and chairman of the Committee of Fifteen, was denounced by Chief Herbert M. Packer of the division of Housing and Sanitation for "flagrantly taking advantage of the critical housing situation."

Despite repeated warnings from the housing division, the real estate man has for two years refused to correct conditions in houses which Packer described as "unfit for human habitation." Many of them are rat-infested and overrun with vermin and a number lack either supply or sanitary facilities or both, the housing chief revealed.

Hearings are set for January 12 to try Binns and several other operators who are "exploiting the people in the lower income groups and reaping a large profit from this type of business." Packer said that the homes will be declared uninhabitable and collection of rent from them will be barred.

PATRONIZE our ADVERTISERS!

Culinary Alliance 31 is Purchasing New Headquarters

President William Spooner of Culinary Alliance 31 made a report Monday to the Central Labor Council on the advance which the local has made since it ended the receivership stage 18 months ago.

Spooner, who has been a member of Local 31 for 44 consecutive years, and a delegate to the Central Labor Council 43 consecutive years, said that the local, now at 1111 Clay street, is making arrangements to purchase the old Radio Tabernacle at 548 20th street.

Amendments to the bylaws needed to set up the method of administering the ownership of the building have been submitted to the international for approval, Spooner said.

OTHER ADVANCES MADE

Spooner then described other progressive steps being taken by the local.

"I have always been of the opinion," he said, "that if a union is to be sought out by persons who wish to become members, rather than having itself to seek out members, the union must think of something more than wages and working conditions.

"The officers of Local 31, all working closely and loyally together, have been trying to develop a program which would include more than essential wages and working conditions. Ninety percent of our members are women, and it has been felt that perhaps women particularly like to feel that their union stands for a full and rounded program.

"For example, having built up a fund of $20,000 to get a good start on, we have arranged a sick benefit program beginning January 1 under which a sick member gets $1.50 a day. If at any time the fund drops below $10,000, assessments will be levied to build it up to the proper point again. The membership has approved this plan.

BLOOD BANK

"In addition, there is a burial plan, providing for not only the amount fixed by the international, but also for services of the clergy and other matters. There is included in this an arrangement for union materials to be utilized throughout.

"Then a blood bank has been established, with already a large number of accounts, and we find that women are particularly interested in this.

"A regular nurse attends all our meetings to take care of children if members find it necessary to bring their children. We are now planning to provide nursery care for the children of women either while they are working or when they are attending union meetings.

MEMBERS INTERESTED

"A $1000 life insurance policy for every member of the union, regardles of age, state of health, or other qualifications, is being planned and worked on now in detail. With our 3500 members, there is every indication that this can succeed, and that very reasonable arrangements can be made.

"Members are showing genuine interest, and our meetings average an attendance of 700. The spirit of mutuality has helped greatly, all the officers working together steadily to achieve things which they feel the members desire."

Spooner concluded with extension to the delegates of Local 31's best wishes for a happy New Year for all the officers and members of the CLC, and of the affiliated unions.

Norwegian Trade Unionists in U. S.

NEW YORK (LPA)—A seven-man delegation of Norwegian trade union leaders has landed here. Their visit to the U. S. is designed to permit them to study our production methods and discuss common problems with AFL and CIO leaders and rank-and-file American workers.

All seven of these men, whose trip is being sponsored by the Technical Assistance Program, financed out of Marshall plan funds, were active resistance men during the Nazi occupation of their country. It is the first European labor group to come to the U. S. under the program.

The delegation is made up of:

Kaare Hansen, 40, leader of the group, and president of the Oslo Union Federation, an electrical manufacturing worker by trade; Edward Stenklev, 62, president of the Norwegian Paper Industry Union; Alf Rummelhoff, 45, of the Feed and Confectionery Workers Union; Mathias Osland, 48, of the Aluminum Workers Union; Egi Ahlsen, 31, industrial engineer for the Federation of Labor; Han Johnson of the Sheet Metal Workers Union; and Haakon Lie, General Secretary of the Norwegian Party—the governing party of the Scandinavian democracy.

After visiting Washington, the workers' leaders will visit U. S. plants in the middle Atlantic area, in Tennessee, and in the middle western belt as far west as Detroit.

Fighters for the freedom of their nation, Norwegian unionists are now hopeful of achieving a secure, high-living-standard democracy, in cooperation with other western European nations and the U. S. through the European recovery program.

There is nothing more unpalatable than the repentance of the headstrong.—Louis Joseph Vance.

Much News of Many People!

JOBLESS INSURANCE and sickness and disability funds may be jeopardized by the first lien on the State treasury established for pension and blind aid, says T. H. Mugford, vice chairman of the State Employment Stabilization Commission.

SENATOR KNOWLAND is reported in Washington dispatches to be agitating for a plan by which Republican Senate leaders would be chosen by vote of all GOP Senators instead of by an inner clique.

UNITED EMPLOYERS, INC., which represents 1300 firms in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, has written to Secretary of Labor Tobin protesting the proposed restoration of the Conciliation Service to the U. S. Department of Labor.

S. F. MUNI LINES' modernization plans are being stepped up, and now call for 1083 vehicles in operation by June, 1950: 499 motor buses, 348 trackless trolleys, and 236 reconditioned cars. All cars obtained in purchase of Market St. Ry. to be scrapped.

OAKLAND BUS reroutings suggested in the central business district are being surveyed by City Manager Hassler at the request of the City Council. Lines studied: 80, 81, 81A, 82, 83.

MORE HIGH GRADE FOODS have got worked into the diet of the average citizen of late years, and that's one reason why food prices have risen, says Dr. H. R. Wellman, director of the UC Giannini Foundation.

SAUDI ARABIA OIL, 130,000 barrels of it, will be discharged at Standard's Richmond refinery in mid-January. It's the first to reach this coast, and is supposed to be just an experiment, not the prelude to heavy shipments.

A SLUM PROBLEM is what the huge housing projects in Richmond, "the largest in the U. S.," with capacity for 60,000 tenants, will constitute if they're not put in better shape soon, the Richmond City Council informs the Federal Govt.

LOW RENTAL HOMES, between 5000 and 6000 of them, are needed in S. F., Chairman M. A. Gunst of the S. F. Redevelopment Agency, told a State Senate committee. The slums in the Western Addition were being considered. S. F. Chamber of Commerce thinks the old buildings there should be "reconditioned."

STATE MEDICAL ASSN. will present its own plans for a health program to the Legislature: licensing and regulation of research laboratories, encouraging women to become nurses, and legislation against rebating and fee splitting.

STATE WORKERS, disturbed for fear new pension and blind aid measure may constitute a prior lien on retirement funds for State employes, are said to have considered taking such funds out of State treasury and scattering them in banks outside.

ACCIDENT RATE DROPPED on S. F. Muni Lines during this year 16% from 1947, and 30% from 1946.

40-HOUR 5-DAY WEEK should be adopted "in fact and not in fiction" in S. F. municipal work, the AFL Council of City Employes has told the S. F. Civil Service Commission.

STATE LIQUOR CONTROL would be shifted from the State Board of Equalization to a 5-member Alcoholic Beverage Commission, under a plan it is reported that W. G. Bonelli, member of the Board of Equalization, will lobby for in the Legislature.

APRICOTS WENT UNHARVESTED, 12% of the 1948 crop in California, because of the lack of market, says Warren P. Tufts of California College of Agriculture. Most growers raised the crop at a loss, says Tufts. Formerly half the dried cots were marketed in Europe.

GREYHOUND BUS DRIVERS, who used to receive turkeys from the management during the holiday season, this year didn't, for economy reasons, so some of the lads chipped in and bought Greyhound President Ackerman a turkey, says Herb Caen in S. F. Chronicle.

THOSE $10 COUNTERFEIT bills that they're warning us about have the small figure E-279 in the lower right hand corner, above the signature of the Secretary of the Treasury. On the back of the counterfeits the horizontal lines on the steps of the Treasury building are badly broken, giving the appearance of a blank space.

GOVERNOR WARREN'S SECRETARY, William T. Sweigert, was given a Christmas present by his boss in the form of an appointment as a Municipal Judge in San Francisco. Sweigert pitched in and worked hard in the Governor's campaign for the Vice-Presidency.

INTER-RACIAL FRATERNITY is being organized at UC on the Berkeley campus, to be called Beta Sigma Tau.

26 BAY AREA WAREHOUSES have been granted by State Public Utilities Commission the right to impose higher charges for handling, and special labor and overtime charges. The warehouses claim labor costs more and is less efficient than it was formerly.

ALAMEDA HOUSING PROJECTS may soon revert to the city, says Alameda Mayor W. J. Branscheid, following conferences in Washington. Congressmen assured him that FHA will survey housing conditions "which still prevail" in Alameda and Richmond.

MARGARINE BATTLE expected in Legislature. Same old row about getting the right to make margarine with butter color. Dairy interests preparing to fight. Labor backing margarine.

NEW PENSION CHECKS are beginning to move out, under Proposition No. 4 adopted November 2. Aged get maximum of $75 a month instead of $65; blind, $85 instead of $80.

MARINE EXCHANGE will henceforth represent not only S. F. but entire Bay Area in a fight to keep Gulf and Atlantic ports from getting most of Midwest cargo, says A. E. Kihn, Marine Exchange president. The Exchange has cut its connection with the S. F. Chamber of Commerce.

"SOME BLOODLETTING" in the way of price cuts in January sales is expected, says Fairchild, the expert in the merchandising field. The era of truly competitive business looms in prospect for the buyer, it is said.

Congress Advised By Maritime Union

WASHINGTON (LPA) — New Congressmen looking for specific guides to sound public policy won't have any trouble when they begin considering plans for the merchant marine. Waiting for them when they arrived in Washington was the CIO's report on the merchant marine policy, prepared by CIO Martime Committee Secretary Hoyt Haddock.

The CIO committee said that the merchant marine act of 1936 must be restored as the basis of shipping policy. It is critical of more recent congressional measures as replacing "incentives for better management with incentives for financial manipulation and connivance."

Poor management by shippers and shipbuilders, as well as public neglect, are blamed by the Maritime Committee for the decline of the merchant navy from its wartime peak. High overhead costs, lack of aggressiveness in going after business, and stupidity in labor relations are set forth as employers' prime errors.

Among the legislative recommendations of the CIO body are: increased appropriations and guaranteed steel allocations for shipbuilding, a requirement that subsidized lines build vessels necessary to maintain their lines, return of ships under military control to private operation, guarantee the right of seamen to strike in port, and other improvements in merchant marine personnel policy.

The committee also reiterated the labor movement's objections to Economic Cooperation Administrator Paul Hoffman's suggestion for relaxing the requirement that 50% of Marshall plan cargo be shipped in American bottoms.

Half a calamity is better than a whole one.—T. E. Lawrence.

ITU Head Declares Fight Must Go On

CHICAGO (LPA) — President Woodruff Randolph of the International Typographical Union-AFL hit a realistic note in his New Year's message to union members.

He warned that the ITU's fight to preserve union standards will have to be carried on against anti-union employers, with the same vigor the union has shown in fighting Taft-Hartley restrictions, even if that vicious law is repealed.

The financial burden of the typos' epochal fight against anti-labor legislation has been great, he pointed out. "As matters stand now," Randolph said, "it may well be that another assessment will be necessary after the present 4½ per cent expires in February 1949."

"If employer propaganda succeeds, even through some of our members, we will fail to keep the ITU together," Randolph declared. "This is true even if the Taft-Hartley law is repealed—because of the added viciousness of the fight against us.

"The Chicago papers," he pointed out, "have taken an attitude that regardless of the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law there are matters vital to the ITU which the publishers will not now agree to in a contract, nor concede without one."

The same questions are raised in a dozen other cities, the typos chief said, in his call for continued support by ITU members everywhere for their brothers on strike.

Union Santa Claus

NEW YORK (LPA)—The CIO played Santa Claus in a big way. Through its Community Service Committee, CIO gave a $30,000 check to the United Nations' International Children's Emergency Fund.

Community Services Committee Chairman Irving Abramson and director Leo Perlis delivered the check to ICEF Director Maurice Pate and Mrs. Mary P. Lord, cheirman of the U. S. committee for ICEF at United Nations headquarters.

The gift was voted by the Community Services Committee meeting at Portland at the time of the CIO convention.

ON TO WASHINGTON

Labor Family Hit By Polio as March Of Dimes Launched

Readers will find in this issue an announcement for members of Steamfitters' Local 342 which drives home to labor people the importance of the fight against polio coming to a financial head every year in the March of Dimes.

John F. Hassler, chairman of the Alameda County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, urges overwhelming support of the March of Dimes January 14-31.

WORST EPIDEMIC

"The nation has just suffered the worst polio epidemic in its history, with California recording nearly 6000 cases, more than any other state," Hassler said. "Millions have been spent to aid these unfortunate victims, and frankly, fight-polio funds are exhausted.

"The situation in Alameda County is no different than throughout the rest of the nation. More than 600 cases who could not afford to pay for their own care were aided here last year. The local infantile paralysis group spent $100,000 to provide this aid, . . . And, because the 1948 March of Dimes grossed only $86,000, our reserve fund has been exhausted in providing help for all those who needed it.

"The victory against polio hangs in the balance. The March of Dimes—the people's way of fighting polio—must be an overwhelming success," the county leader said.

HEADQUARTERS SET UP

Plans for the two-week campaign are now being completed at March of Dimes campaign headquarters, Hotel Leamington, Oakland.

As in past years, giving will be made easy, with thousands of coin cards to be mailed local residents, containers to be placed in stores and banks to receive donations, and school children to be given an opportunity to contribute through their classrooms.

Checks may be mailed directly to the March of Dimes headquarters, Hassler said.

'Free Enterprise' And the New Atom

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Private industry's hope of taking over some of the functions now performed by the Atomic Energy Commission was revealed in a report from the Industry Advisory Group of AEC, an eight-man committee headed by James W. Parker, president and general manager of the Detroit Edison Co.

Following publication of the report, Parker told a mass conference that the group wants "better participation of competitive industry" in the atomic energy program. At the present time, he said, private industry isn't getting enough information about atomic production even to know what possibilities exist.

Parker endorsed the words put in his mouth by a reporter who asked, "Are you saying that instead of the Commission asking industry to solve specific problems, industry should be thrown the whole works and allowed to play around with it?"

AEC Chairman David E. Lilienthal expressed the opinion that the current program for the development of an atomic power producer is being handled in somewhat that manner. The General Electric plant soon opening near Schenectady, N. Y., is expermenting around with the power production idea.

The advisory group suggested that more information be made available to industry technologists and that a permanent industry advisory council be set up.

Lilienthal told newsmen that he considered the group's recommendations desirable but some of them would be difficult to put into operation. "We must weigh technological advancement against security risk," he declared. The AEC chief said that many of the suggestions made by the advisors would not require a new atomic energy law but would be legal under the McMahon Act. To publish information on certain subjects, however, "would ignore the law completely," he asserted.

Some labor observers take a dim view of the industry proposals, feeling that they head toward private control of the atom, which belongs to the people.

Anti-Red Clause

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — Some 106,234 officials of national and local unions have filed non-Communist affidavits in compliance with the Taft-Hartley Labor-Management Act, the National Labor Relations Board reported.

This gave 95 national American Federation of Labor unions, 31 Congress of Industrial Organizations unions and 50 independent organizations the right to use the services of the board in filing unfair labor practice charges or to obtain elections. A total of 11,078 local unions met the requirements.

Havenner Sues Hearst for Red Libel

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was generally assumed that the action would be pressed to the hilt.

PAMPHLET IN "SMEAR"

Just toward the end of the campaign in which Havenner was reelected organized labor forces supporting him were greatly interested in a pamphlet which was widely distributed exposing what were alleged to be other efforts to smear Havenner with Communism.

The pamphlet was headed, "A Smear . . . Booby Trap Exposed . . . Who Have Been the Conspirators Serving Selfish Interest, Placing Booby Traps and Red Smear Campaigns? . . . Read What Follows, Make Up Your Own Minds, Have an Independent Judgment."

"TAG HIM AS RED"

The "what follows" consisted of a facsimile of an affidavit dated October 24, the affidavit purporting to bear the signature of a man engaged in a controversy with the CIO Marine Cooks.

The affidavit declared that its signer had been approached by a political opponent of Havenner's, with a proposal whereby "I could tag Franck R. Havenner, Congressman from the Fourth District, as a Communist. He wanted me to do this in the same way that I tagged Havenner a Communist during the campaign for Mayor in 1947."

"$1000 PROMISED"

The affidavit declared further that in testimony before a Congressional Committee "by tying Congressman Havenner's name to the Communist leadership" and to the name of "a known Communist, I felt that I was doing the job," for which a man whose name the affidavit gives had said that "after the campaign he would give me $1000."

The maker of the affidavit declared that he phoned the man he was dealing with after the testimony had been given, and "he said I had done a good job . . . I asked him what the next step would be. He said to come in Monday about the sound car and that he planned to use this stuff toward the end of the campaign."

"HAVENNER NOT COMMUNIST"

The affidavit toward the end contains these words:

"But I know that Franck Havenner is not a Communist and I know that he is opposed to Communism. Furthermore, I know that the Communist Party is opposed to the election of Franck R. Havenner."

This affidavit, dated just three days before the publication of the Examiner editorial which is the basis for the $350,000 libel suit, caused a tremendous stir, and many believe that one of the reasons Havenner won the campaign for reelection is because many voters became convinced that the Congressman was being made the target of unfair attacks.

BEFORE JUDGE HARRIS

The action filed by Havenner is No. 28519-H in the Federal District Court in San Francisco, and will come up before Judge George Harris.

(Editor's Note: Comment on this case, and the light it casts on the "ethics" of our daily papers published by multimillionaires, will be found in the Report to Readers-Owners column.)

AVC Claims Klan Hides Under Alias

Ku Klux Klansmen are using an old dodge—name switching—to avoid federal punishment of subversive activities, Gilbert Harrison, AVC head in Oakland this week, has warned Attorney General Clark.

Harrison charged that a new organization, the Associated Klans of Georgia, is "identical with the Knights of Ku Klux Klan Inc." which has long been on the government's subversive list.

"There is no such organization as the KKK, but the Associated Klans is carrying out the principles of KKKism," he asserted. "While the KKK is on the Attorney General's un-American list the Associated Klans isn't."

Since federal agencies have been directed to confine themselves only to organizations specified by Clark, Klansmen are escaping consequences for their activities, Harrison pointed out. He urged the government to brand the new organization illegal also, so that the U. S. won't employ Klan members using the alias.

Segregation at Airport is Fought

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Battle lines were drawn in one of the initial attempts to put President Truman's Civil Rights program into effect. The issue has arisen over the Civil Aeronautics Administration's banning of racial discrimination at Washington's National Airport—located in Virginia.

Air Terminal Services Inc., owners of airport restaurants, stated that "the company intends to maintain status quo. The order, which has the effect of setting aside Virginia laws, means that we can be fined and imprisoned if the Virginia statute applies and we disobey it."

CAA countered that its order was under authority of a federal act which empowers the agency to issue orders controlling activities at the airport.

Three court cases are pending regarding enforcement of the state statute in Airport dining rooms.

PHILIP MURRAY last week commended Secretary of State Marshall for the U. S.'s attempt to halt Dutch aggression in Indonesia.—(LPA).

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Rumford Takes His Seat in Assembly; Dunn in Since '42

Byron Rumford, elected Assemblyman with the backing of organized labor in the 17th District in the November 2, election, took his seat in the Legislature as it opened Monday in Sacramento.

Francis Dunn, Jr., member of Painters Local 127, who was elected to the Assembly in the 13th District in 1942, with the backing of organized labor, and who has held his place ever since, took his seat as a veteran member of the State's lawmaking body.

In addition to Rumford, the only new Assemblyman from Alameda county who took his seat Monday was Luther H. Lincoln, Republican, who did not have the backing of labor.

State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty has set up an office in Sacramento, and will watch the course of legislation.

WARREN'S MESSAGE

The Governor in his formal address at the opening of the Legislature recommended a compulsory health insurance system.

Other matters of particular interest to labor on which he touched were: extension of State unemployment insurance to farm workers; liberalization of disability insurance; action of some sort to decrease the number of strikes; need for solving the housing shortage.

Discussing the need for health insurance he said:

"The cost of medical care for millions of Californians is so high that they cannot pay for it without crippling their finances and without depriving themselves of other things that are needed to raise good American families."

Recognizing presence of bitter opposition of the State Medical Association and others, Warren declared his health insurance program can be carried out without interference with "traditional freedom of choice between patient, hospital and doctor."

HOUSING PENSIONS

On housing, Warren argued that the State Redevelopment Agency should be made permanent to help solve the problem.

Additional money must be raised to finance old age and blind assistance authorized under Proposition No. 4, said Warren, and he hinted that additional taxation might be necessary to do this, saying:

"The Legislature should take into consideration not only all of the revenue resources of the state, but also all of its needs and obligations and take such steps as may be necessary to raise such additional funds as may be required to soundly and regularly finance the old age assistance program."

Warren in his urging of compulsory health insurance said, as he has told previous sessions of the Legislature, that he believed this should be financed with a one percent payroll contribution each from worker and employer.

PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS

In discussing finances, he urged that the State's $400,000,000 in the public works reserve funds be protected from use for other needs.

He asked that the Commission on Organized Crime be continued, saying that a failure to continue it "would be a complete surrender to the underworld and an invitation to racketeers, crooks, and gangsters everywhere to prey upon the people of our State."

He added:

"The fact that there is in our state an underworld which is reaching out and seeking to organize crime on a commercial basis must be apparent to all who read the news of the day."

Sacramento Labor Leaders Installed

State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty was scheduled to install officers of the Sacramento Federated Trades Council yesterday (Thursday.)

In a spirited election which saw the largest number of ballots cast in the history of the Federated Trades Council, Harry Finks was re-elected president for 1949, which will be his fifth consecutive term, in the election held in the Labor Temple, reports the Sacramento Labor Bulletin.

A total of 141 ballots were cast.

J. L. R. Marsh, running unopposed for secretary-business manager, was also renamed, while Harry Dubecker took the vice-president's post among three candidates for that post. E. V. Welty was unopposed for the post of sergeant-at-arms.

Elected to other posts were: Board of Trustees, Louis Gutenberger, Jack Castillon, and Ronald Seed; Executive Committee, Walter L. Francis, Bob Perry, George H. Sanders, Lilas Jones, Charles J. Arnoldy, Lloyd McKinney, and Floyd Brantley; Board of Publishers, Jerry Olrich, Chester L. Childs, and Charles Simons.

British Coal

LONDON (AFL News)—British coal production last week totaled 4,405,500 tons, the highest output since the week of July 27, 1940, the Ministry of Fuel and Power reported.

Deep-minded production of 4,213,300 tons was the highest weekly total since December, 1942.

The combined deep-minded and open-cast production for the first 49 weeks of this year is 197,402,000 tons, nearly 11,000,000 tons better than the comparable period of 1947.

WHILE WORKING for improvements in social security laws, CIO unions will not relax their efforts to gain security through collective bargaining employer-financed plans, the December issue of the CIO Economic Outlook declared.—(LPA)

ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK filed with the Supreme Court, asking the court to grant the federal government jurisdiction over the oil-rich tidelands off the Texas and Louisiana coasts.—(LPA).

School Fire Hazards Are Cited

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member of your local, I can impersonally, and with all frankness, say that for the most part, those teachers whom I know as being members of a teachers' union are somewhat disgruntled with their job, and seem to be constantly carrying a "chip on their shoulder" so far as their professional relations are concerned. This attitude of mind certainly is most detrimental to happiness and success in teaching.

I am impressed by the fact that in teacher union publications, reference is constantly made to "fighting for more democratic practises." In this regard I cannot reconcile teacher union procedures with what I believe to be democratic practises in at least two matters: (1) that of membership in a teachers' union being a guarded secret so far as the school administrator is concerned, and (2) the union attitude of "forcing" an issue rather than trying to arrive at a meeting of minds. I do not think that secret membership organizations have any place among the teaching staff of a school system, nor do I think that democracy is achieved by forcing issues. As to what I mean by this last statement let me refer to a recent letter from your State president, as published in your Vol. 1, No. 4 issue of your "News Letter", in which he makes the following statements in part: " . . . we were able to **force** the superintendent to allow teachers to petition the board for certain improvements," and again, ". . . (we) **forced** the assessor to increase assessed valuations," and, "We **forced** the Board of Education to establish publicly a policy that teachers could join any teacher organization they wanted to without fear of reprisal or discrimination." Incidentally, with reference to this last quoted sentence, this has been the policy of that particular Board of Education for the past twenty years to my personal knowledge.

Nothing that I have said here is in criticism of the American Federation of Labor, nor of the AFT as an organization, for as to the latter I know nothing of its objectives or purposes, and little of its accomplishments. What I have said applies to procedures used by teacher unions within my knowledge which I feel are detrimental to the best interests of teaching and to the best interests of the teaching profession as a whole.

Cordially yours,
J. F. CHING

TEAMSTER'S COMMENT

Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters Local 890, saw Ching's letter as reproduced in Teachers Local 1020's newsletter, and commenting to Clayson on Ching's use of the word "force" said:

"The plight of teachers in regard to wages nationally is caused by the 'force' not being used by the teachers, but rather by the school trustees and their representatives. The press and radio nationally are pleading the cause of the teachers for increase in wages, and it is about time the teachers in our nation get organized into unions where they too can have some 'force.'"

(Editor's Note: On page six of this issue of The Labor Journal will be found an editorial discussing Superintendent Ching's attitude, and the relation it bears to the question of public schools in Oakland.)

Bay Dailies Seek Open Shop, Charge

The CIO San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild held a meeting Tuesday of officers, unit chairmen, and executive committeemen to discuss proposals by the publishers of Bay Area daily papers made December 29.

The union has put out a bulletin headed "Publishers Ask Open Shop," in which the assertion is made that the publishers propose to eliminate the union shop which has long prevailed.

The union's bulletin says the publishers also "would provide no salary increases, add some additional 90 job exemptions, end the two-weeks notice on discharges and the rehiring list, abolish the anti-speed-up clause, reduce severance pay, curtail grievance proceedings, allow paycuts for over-minimum employes, curtail overtime protection, abolish guards for discrimination against Guild membership, and increase insurance expenses for photographers."

Editorial, display advertising, classified advertising, and business office workers are affected. The Guild has a contract, which expires January 29, with the Oakland Post-Enquirer, and the San Francisco Examiner, Call Bulletin, and News.

Bob Brown, executive secretary of the Guild, said:

"What the publishers want to do is to turn the clock back ten years to the period before we had a union."

Wolchok on Leave

NEW YORK (LPA)—While the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America-CIO was laying plans for a $1,000,000 campaign to organize department store workers, the Retail, Wholesale and Department Sotre Union-CIO announced that it is granting an "indefinite leave of absence to President Samuel Wolchok."

Taking over as acting president of RWDSU is Vice President Irving M. Simon, assisted by an administrative committee of Executive Secretary Martin Kyne, Secretary-Treasurer Alvin Heaps and Vice President Jack Altman.

Here is Alibi The Wednesday Demos Put Up

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Fair weather Democrats accounted for a jump of $100,000 in the party's treasury. By predating their checks, donkey-men who guessed wrong November 2 enabled the party to come out of the campaign with a surplus.

Most of the late-comers simply put their checks in the mail without explaining the incongruity between post marks and check dates, but a few hardy souls called national headquarters to explain their "checks came back" but they didn't "understand why."

Pro-Bridges Crowd In Rebel Councils Bitterly Attacked

The California edition of the CIO News, expressing the policies of CIO President Phil Murray and Regional Director Tim Flynn, keeps right after Harry Bridges' crowd in the CIO rebel Councils of California. The gathering at Long Beach referred to by the CIO News is the convention recently held by the rebel State CIO Council. The Labor Herald attacked is the official organ of that rebel Council.

Here are some excerpts from the CIO News:

The State CIO Council is being "led" by a man who has been kicked out of his own union and whose right to hold the position is seriously questioned by officers of his former local.

James L. Daugherty, recently re-elected "president" of the California Council, was ejected from Utility Local 132 by a majority vote of the membership on grounds that he was ineligible for membership under the provisions of the national constitution and the by-laws of the local.

The Labor Herald is indispensable—said so itself in big headlines.

The paper that talks out of the left side of its mouth as the propaganda sheet for the Commie-dominated California Council was the subject of a worried report at the Commie-line convention at Long Beach . . .

What can the Commies expect for a phony "union paper" that has zig-zagged with the Party Line for years?

"Indispensable"?

"Expendable" is the word for CIO-ers.

The fiasco "convention" at Long Beach, packed and rigged by Commies and their stooges, concluded its song-and-dance routine with a proper touch of farce.

It elected for "president" of the Commie-controlled California "CIO" Council the man-without-a-union—James L. Daugherty.

It's quite appropriate. The anti-CIO policy council has an ex-CIO member for president.

Daugherty was thrown out of Utility Workers' Local Union No. 132 by a majority vote. He was defeated on a referendum ballot as would-be delegate from the local to the Los Angeles Council. . . .

But this is not important, in the long run—because all of the Commie-liners are going to be cleaned out of the CIO councils. What is really important is this: the election of the man-without-a-union points up the entire fake of the California Council, as well as the other Commie-controlled councils; it shows up the fake of the state "convention."

This rigged gathering of the Commie clan, as was expected, sounded a ringing call for "re-unification of the CIO in this state."

"Re-unification."

"Re-capture" is the word, comrades.

How can you "re-unify" what never was unified in the first place? There was no genuine unity in the councils of California CIO.

The "unity" of the Commies and their stooges in the discredited councils is the unity of Bergen and McCarthy—with the good majority members of CIO playing the role of the dummy.

"Re-capture"—let's repeat the word. It is the core of this fight. The Commie-liners do not represent the vast majority membership of the California CIO. They never did.

They lied and tricked their way into office. They used the councils as a sounding board for Russia's foreign policy. They zigged and zagged with every twist of the Party Line.

They never represented or spoke for the membership of CIO.

UC Expands Adult Educational Work

State University Release

One of the most comprehensive adult education programs ever undertaken by University of California Extension will be expanded during January as some 350 spring classes will start in San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley.

Classes scheduled for the spring semester range from art to zoology with especially wide coverage being given business administration, engineering, music and social science subjects. An example of interesting new courses is the group of instrumental music classes under the direction of the internationally renowned Griller Quartet, specialists in chamber music.

In Oakland, classes are at 1730 Franklin Street; in Berkeley, Extension classes are given on the University of California campus.

Disability Insurance Rulings 'Prove of Inestimable Benefit'

State Federation News Service

Of utmost importance to California workers are several precedent decisions involving disability insurance which have been handed down by the Appeals Board in the past few weeks. As a result, certain fundamental principles have been firmly established which will prove of inestimable benefit to disabled employes. Counsel for the California State Federation of Labor participated in all these proceedings.

The most outstanding decision has brought an end to the intolerable delay in receiving compensation suffered by many workers because of uncertainty whether a particular case came under workmen's compensation or disability insurance.

Henceforth, unless the workmen's compensation agency, at the time of the decision by the disability insurance agency, has specifically found the individual eligible to receive workmen's compensation benefits, he will receive disability insurance benefits. This means that benefits will be paid promptly under either one system or the other.

INJURED SEAMEN

In this and other decisions, the Appeals Board has specifically found that the Appeals Board will not itself make the determination of eligibility under some other law, such as the Workmen's Compensation Act, but will assume the individual is not eligible under such Act in absence of a determination by such other authority. The same rule applies to voluntary plans.

Injured seamen were the subject of other decisions in which important points were favorably established.

One of these held that maintenance and cure granted to an injured seaman was not either a workmen's compensation or an employer's liability benefit sufficient to disqualify him under the disability insurance act. Although it did find, however, that they were regular wages and that accordingly benefits were not payable, the ruling on the first point, namely, that it was not an employer's liability act, is a favorable one.

ANOTHER CASE

In another case, the Board held that lump sum damages received in a settlement under the Jones Act by an injured seaman were not the type of benefit provided in Section 207 of the Act so as to result in disqualification.

The Board further found that there could be no allocation on a projected future basis of the amount received as damages for the purpose of disqualifying the individual for such weeks.

Two points were thus successfully won with respect to this type of case, since not only does the Jones Act not disqualify but there cannot be apportionment in the absence of specific evidence on this point.

Retail Clerks In Kress Strike Hit By Order of Court

Retail Clerks' Union

LOS ANGELES—Superior Court Judge Clarence M. Hanson has issued an exparte temporary restraining order against Retail Clerks' Local No. 777 on strike at the Central Avenue store of S. H. Kress & Company, in this city. The order limits the number of pickets to three, and forbids union representatives and strikers from coming within 100 yards of the struck store.

Judge Hanson is the same jurist who jailed Joseph T. DeSilva, secretary of Retail Clerks' Local No. 770, for peaceful picketing of a drug store, and who was unanimously reversed by the California Supreme Court.

UNION'S LETTER

The restraining order was signed in chambers upon request of Attorney J. Stuart Neary, representing the Kress concern, without allowing the Retail Clerks' Union or its attorneys an opportunity to be heard.

Robert W. Gilbert, attorney for the Retail Clerks' International Association, Western Division, stated that more than two weeks before the anti-picketing order was issued, he had written the Court about the Kress strike, and requested to be notified if any one-sided application for a temporary restraining order were presented.

In his letter of December 8, asking the Court to grant him an opportunity to argue the merits of any Kress plea for an injunction before making his order, which was denied, the union lawyer explained the full circumstances of the strike activity.

Among items called to the Court's attention in the Union's by-passed request for a hearing were these:

(1) On October 11, the Retail Clerks' Union petitioned for an NLRB election at the Kress store,

(2) The Union has fully complied with the registration and non-Communist affidavit requirements of the Taft-Hartley Act,

(3) Unfair labor practice charges are pending against the Kress Company before the National Labor Relations Board for anti-union discrimination at the Central Avenue Store,

(4) When repeatedly called by the Kress Company to the scene of the picketing, "police officers have consistently reported at all times that the picketing in question has been wholly peaceful and law abiding."

PAUL HANSEN'S COMMENT

Retail Clerks' International Organizer Paul Hansen declared that "this current practice of issuing restraining orders after only hearing the employer's side of the story, and without giving the workers their day in court reminds me of the 'State of Emergency' created by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association late in 1946 under the unconstitutional Hot Cargo Act. The reaction of the Los Angeles labor movement is bound to be the same."

Labor Woman Dies

CHICAGO (LPA)—One of labor's best known women representatives, Agnes Nestor, died here. President of Chicago Women's Trade Union League for 25 years, she had been active in the National Glove Workers' Union-AFL for many years. She also served on an advisory council to the Labor Department during World War I and was chairman of women in industry department of Council of National Defense Council.

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East Bay Bridges Backer Loses Race In Longshore Vote

The Labor Journal recently published a brief account of the defeat of the Bridges group in CIO Longshore Local 10 when James S. Kearney was reelected president. The California edition of the CIO News, representing the policies of CIO President Phil Murray and Regional Director Tim Flynn, reports in more detail as follows:

Harry Bridges and his forces suffered stinging defeat in Bridges' own local when the membership of the big Longshoremen's Local 10 re-elected James S. Kearney president and turned thumbs down on Bridges-backed candidates for top offices.

The Bridges-supported candidate for president, Jay Sauers, was swamped by a total majority of more than 3,000 votes cast for Kearney and two other candidates for the presidency.

Walter Bell won the local's vice-presidency with a whopping majority over the pro-Bridges candidate, William Goheen, who is president of the anti-CIO policy Alameda CIO Council.

Here's how the vote went on the top offices:

For president: Kearney, 2,221; Sauers, 1,282; Phil Sandin, 669; Frank Stout. 126.

For vice-president: Walter Bell, 2,105; William Goheen, 1,191; H. Hendry, 491.

For recording secretary: Erkkila, 2,153; Dan Perlius, 743.

Delegates elected to the San Francisco Council were: Germaine Bulcke, George Cahill, Bob Cain, Erkkila, Dave Keefe, Walter Nelson, Bob Dohatch, Phil Sandin, Henry Schmidt and John Shaw.

Delegates to the Alameda Council will be Edward Baptista, Willie Christensen, Goheen, Claude Saunders and J. E. Walker.

Teamsters' Editor Quotes This Paper

The International Teamster, publication of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, republishes in its December issue the following from The Labor Journal's Nothing Personal column of November 5:

We will never forget as long as we live the little guy, Harry S. Truman, and we mean in stature only, getting up off that floor and carrying on the slam bangest political campaign that this country has ever seen. We will never forget the slow, laborious process that the organized labor movement went through before some of them finally decided that Harry was our boy and got on the bandwagon. And, we'll never forget that there were many in the AFL that were for the President from the start and never lost faith, but better still the little battler from Missouri never once lost faith in himself.

World Federalists Seek Endorsement By State's Senate

United World Federalist

Several stimulating panel discussions were conducted at the Northern California United World Federalist Convention. Major Donald MacLaclan, chairman of the Speakers Bureau Panel, reported that during the discussion Mr. Edwin Wilson, director of the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce Speakers Bureau, promised cooperation with UWF Speakers Bureau.

Dr. Leo Doyle of Berkeley reported that the Political Activity Panel had heard from State Senator Gerald O'Gara regarding the procedure for introducing and passing a world government resolution in the State Senate and from Mr. George D. Collins, Jr. and Mr. Arthur W. Coats, Jr. on the same procedure in the State Assembly.

APPROACH TO LEGISLATION

The panel concluded that the most effective approach to legislators was the direct personal one and that short letters to those in public office are usually more effective than longer ones. The legislators felt that UWF should be political without being partisan by becoming identified with a political organization.

The Publicity Panel concluded that UWF news should tend to keep away from publicity stunts such as the fear motive and stick to straight news. Accuracy, they added, is of paramount importance.

Chairman of fund raising for Northern Division, Eben Baty, reported an animated discussion on financial problems and that he now has four members for the Northern Division Finance Committee.

COHELAN QUOTED

Mr. James Lash of the San Francisco Housing Authority reported that during the Organizational Liaison Panel discussion Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes Local 302 of the AFL, stated that it might be difficult to present world government to labor because of idological problems within unions. Mr. William Mailliard of the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce, felt UWF should seek the active participation of other organizations, not just their endorsements.

The Chapter Organization Panel, reported Edgar Osgood of San Francisco, emphasized the importance of delegating authority in the Chapter from the very start.

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them and brother weasels is an outrageous violation of the rights of citizens.

Also, whether or not what the Examiner printed about Congressman Havenner was libel in the eyes of the law, what kind of standard of political honor was it that led Managing Editor Wren of the Examiner to wait fifteen days after the election before stating that the Examiner knew that Havenner was not a Communist?

Well, in acting that way, waiting till all possible damage had been done to Mr. Havenner before the election, Mr. Wren was, to be fair, just doing the sort of thing Mr. Hearst would wish to have done. Depressing indeed it is to realize that of the five dailies published in Oakland and San Francisco, three of them are Hearst sheets!

One thing is sure—we'll see to it, folks, that you'll get in The Labor Journal any further developments on this interesting legal passage at arms between a Congressman who voted against the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, and a publisher who thinks Westbrook Pegler is the ultimate in sound and informing comment on national and world affairs.

Moreover, if we ever have the misfortune to be sued for libel, we'll tell you about it on page one.

IAM-AFL Confab

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—AFL President William Green said he was "hopeful" that reaffiliation of the International Association of Machinists with the AFL may be accomplished.

Green voiced his opinion at the conclusion of the first in a series of meetings between committees of the AFL and IAM who are exploring the possibilities of reaching a settlement of the problems which led to the withdrawal of the machinists several years ago.

"There is a manifest desire on the part of both sides to end the disassociation of the machinists," said Mr. Green. "That much has been accomplished."

The Journal Finds Itself in Accord With the Tribune

The Labor Journal, which has from time to time uttered mild (!) criticisms of the Oakland Tribune, is glad to find itself thoroughly in accord with the following editorial, printed in the Trib December 30:

A bare recital of events, crowded into a few short moments in the life of Patrolman George W. Hazer, offers material to be inscribed indelibly on the credit side of the police ledger. His was an adventure precipitated suddenly by the plight of children attacked by a dog. Into a group forced to stand helplessly by as one of the number was being mauled by the seemingly mad animal, the patrolman moved as a rescuer. For fear of hitting one of the children, he could not use his gun. With his hands he strangled the dog. After seeing to it that those who had been scratched or bitten were hastened to a doctor, he took care of his own wounds. A lot of talk about policemen goes the rounds, much of it thoughtless and unjust. In the thoughts of parents this week, there is a big place for the story of how a patrolman reacted to an emergency.

NOTHING PERSONAL

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emulate. It fronts on the building and is high enough to escape the street noises and insure all the privacy that is needed.

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And for the ladies auxiliaries and those unions that toss feeds for their members on stated occasions the kitchen on the main floor is right up to snuff. It really looks like one of those models out of a homemakers magazine and when they get the new electric stove in it, it will hold its own with any kitchen, anyplace. A dumb waiter runs from it up to the top floor so that unions can ship the hot foodstuffs upstairs, muy pronto, have their feed and then drop the refuse back to the ground floor on the waiter. Cabinets in the kitchen are large enough to hold plenty of grub and like most kitchens it will undoubtedly be the most popular place in the new temple.

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All in all the new temple is quite something and as we have just started the new year it is quite appropriate that the AFL labor movement of the County should start off this new 1949 housed in their new million dollar home. It will still take a while to get all the new wrinkles ironed out but in the meantime, if you haven't already seen it you might drop down and take a good look at your new home, and we are sure that you will feel the same pride of ownership that all others that have seen it have shown. Remember! You own it you know!

450,000 DUES PAYING members in the Norwegian Federation of Labor, a survey released in Oslo revealed.—(LPA)

Publicity Man for Medicos Gets Some Publicity Himself

The daily press carried reports recently that "Clem Whitaker, San Francisco publicity man and political campaign director, was arrested on a drunk driving charg in Fairfax."

According to these reports, "Policeman Henry Vonderheide made the arrest at 3:30 a.m." December 29, "after watching Whitaker drive in what he described as 'an irregular manner.'"

Whitaker, say the reports, was later released on $150 bail.

Whitaker is at this time of special interest to organized labor, as the publicity firm of Whitaker and Leone Baxter, has been hired by the American Medical Assn. to fight what the AMA calls "socialized medicine." Each doctor is supposed to chip in $25 for the fight.

A "grass roots doctors' rebellion" against the American Medical Association's plan to raise a $3,500,000 war chest to fight the Truman Administration's proposed national health insurance program has been predicted by Dr. Channing Frothingham, twice president of the Massachusetts State Medical Society, and chairman of the Committee for the Nation's Health, says the State Federation of Labor News Service.

President William Green is an honorary vice-chairman of the Committee for the Nation's Health, a national group of doctors and laymen spearheading the fight for National Health Insurance. Also active on the Committee is Vice-President Matthew Woll and Director of Social Insurance Activities, Nelson Cruikshank.

Dr. Frothingham commented, "It is particularly disturbing to note that although many physicians of the AMA's membership support national health insurance, the proposal to embark on a nation-wide multi-million dollar campaign against it was not made known to the membership in advance of the closed session at which the decision was reached."

He further charged the the AMA's ruling body, the House of Delegates, is not representative of its 140,000 members. "Whereas half of the country's active physicians are under 45," he pointed out, "only 5 percent of the delegates are below this age level. Half of our active doctors are general practitioners, but only 10 percent of the delegates fall within this category. The rest are specialists."

Dr. Frothingham criticized the House of Delegates for "pursuing a course unworthy of the medical profession and repugnant to the ethics of American doctors." He declared that AMA officers are failing "to take the leadership in conjunction with the AFL, CIO, farm, business, and consumer organizations to work out a program to bring adequate medical care within the reach of all Americans."

The Committee for the Nation's Health, Dr. Frothingham announced, would support "wholeheartedly" the Administration's proposals for national health insurance.

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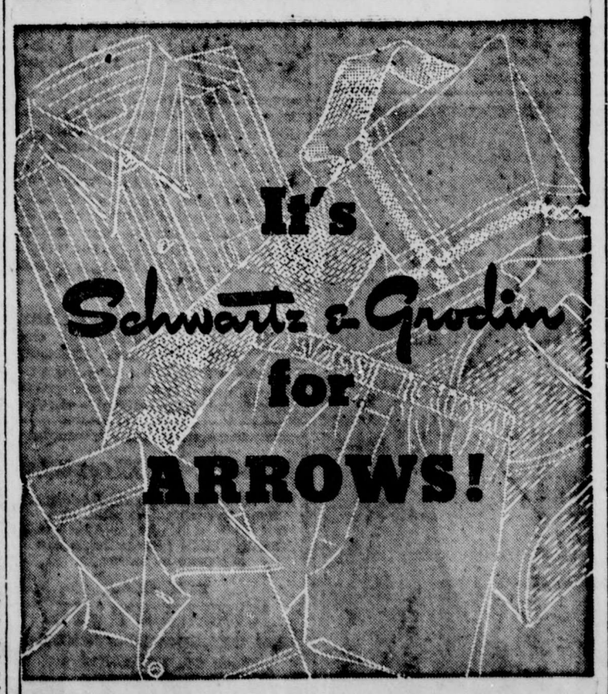

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Unions Push Drive To End T-H Law in Congress Session

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The new Congress wasn't in Washington long before it realized—if its members had ever forgotten—that the labor movement is in dead earnest when it says Taft-Hartley must go—and last.

They found labor unanimous in its demand that the oppressive law be repealed at once, and the Wagner act, "labor's Magna Carta," put in its place at once. Not a union had fallen for the propaganda of pro-employer newspapers that the Wagner act must be hastily amended before it can be reinstated in place of Taft-Hartley.

Both AFL, CIO and unaffiliated union chiefs had made this clear to Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin in conferences during December. Tobin carried this report on labor's feelings to President Truman last week, and, it is reported, fought for them. Other presidential advisors, however, are believed to be toying with the idea that amendments to the Wagner act should be tacked onto it at the time of its reenactment.

MURRAY'S DELEGATION

To drive its point home the CIO sent a top-level delegation to call on President Truman: President Philip Murray, Vice Presidents Emil Rieve and Jacob Potofsky, and General Counsel Arthur Godberg. After reiterating labor's position to the President, they also discussed Taft-Hartley repeal with Congressional leaders.

Although insisting upon the immediate report of Taft-Hartley, immediate reenactment of the Wagner act formula, labor demonstrated last week that it is entirely sincere in its statement that unions are willing to cooperate with legislators who wish, in genuine good faith, to perfect the Wagner act, so that it may become, this time, a permanent part of American law.

After his talk with Truman, President Murray told reporters that the CIO is willing "if need be" to discuss suitable amendments with representatives of management, Congress, and the administration, as well as other labor groups. He said, however, that he did not wish to discuss such amendments at all until the 80th Congress's anti-union bill has been replaced by the Wagner act.

GWU PROPOSAL

The executive board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL, while emphasizing its demand that Congress adopt labor's formula, approved amendments to the Wagner act that would provide cooling-off and fact-finding procedures similar to those of the Railway Labor act for other "national emergency" disputes.

The ILGWU also suggested that non-Communist affidavits be included, but that they be required of employers as well as union leaders, and cover fascism and all other forms of totalitarianism as well as Communism.

In addition, a new labor law should require employers to file financial reports as long as unions have to file them. The board members agreed that secondary boycotts used on jurisdictional fights should be outlawed.

IAM's SUGGESTION

A four-point labor relations program was presented to the Secretary of Labor by International Association of Machinists. The IAM proposals, as expressed by Vice-President Al Hayes, line up the procedure for passing satisfactory labor legislation.

First, says IAM, repeal the Taft-Hartley act. Second, reinstate the Wagner act and the Norris LaGuardia act. Third, set up a representative commission to study the Wagner act and recommend amendments which will strengthen the process of free collective bargaining. Fourth, submit the recommended amendments to Congress for full public hearings before the proper House and Senate committees.

Hayes made it clear that the Machinists union would cooperate with any representative commission seeking to improve the operation of the Wagner act, and to strengthen the process of mediation and conciliation." We have never maintained that the Wagner act was perfect, he declared.

The folkways are good servants but cruel masters.—Ben B. Lindsey.

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Some Factors Held Not Too Hopeful in 1949 Jobs Outlook

CLEVELAND (LPA)—Although some business economists and statisticians at the meeting of the American Statistical Association predicted a record high for employment in 1949, the cool heads thought otherwise.

Dr. Emanuel A. Goldenweiser of the Institute of Advanced Study, after listening to the optimistic forecasts remarked that such guesses are right only about once out of every three times, and said the business advisors are far too bland.

While pointing to "a number of cushioning factors" even Donald B. Woodward, a vice president of the giant investment combine, Mutual Life Insurance Co., had to admit that "the betting odds are that the next move in business activity will be down."

Actual figures published by reliable government sources seem to back up the pessimists more than the cheery souls. The Census Bureau revealed that in 1948 the available U. S. working force had reached an all time peak of 63,842,000 workers, with 51,932,000 for non-agricultural industry—5,600,000 more than during the war.

But, said the Labor Department, employment in mid-November had declined to 45,700,000 non-farm workers, 170,000 below the October level. And this despite the fact that in preparation for the Christmas season wholesale and retail employment had gone up 140,000.

Then a number of railroads announced extensive layoffs, the Chesapeake & Ohio dismissing as many as 3000 workers while the New Haven & Hartford announced that it will shortly make "extensive" reductions in its 23,000-man payroll.

Much of this rail worker unemployment is linked to production declines and layoffs in the coal mines which began several months ago.

These grim developments were reflected in the December 4 report of unemployment claims filed with the Federal Security Agency. FSA revealed that benefit claims for the week numbered 1,075,900, or 149,000 more than the previous week. New unemployment in the food processing, textile, and clothing industries as well as seasonal unemployment in construction and lumbering are involved.

Further contraction of job opportunities, as well as more concentration of business in the hands of big corporations was foreshadowed in year-end reports that a number of large firms plan to do all their own work and cut out subcontracting. The ACF-Brill bus manufacturing company was one corporation taking this position and there are indications that the Ford Motor Co. will follow suit.

Green Says: Spread November 2 Spirit

WASHINGTON (LPA) — AFL President William Green, in a New Year's message, called on all the citizens of the U. S. to preserve and spread over the world the concepts of democracy and liberalism which were so clearly reasserted in the November elections.

"The election of President Truman and the vote giving the Democratic Party control of Congress, was the reply to the reactionary advocates of anti-union legislation which echoed around the world as evidence of the effectiveness of democratic principles," Green said.

Calling for continued effort to aid labor, Green said, "since we as trade unionists have rights and responsibilities in keeping with our democratic institutions we, in turn, should work for the advancement of democratic ideals nationally and internationally."

"Let us arm ourselves in this world crisis," he continued, "with a determination to maintain freedom that will make us invincible."

Real Wage Drops

NEW YORK — Real wages of factory workers in New York State have dropped $1.07 in a year. According to the State Labor Department, the rise of 6.2 percent in the cost of living between October, 1947, and October, 1948, more than offset the 2.9 percent gain in their gross weekly earnings.

Of the five and a half million non-agricultural workers in the state, about 1,800,000 are factory workers. The rest are in the non-manufacturing industries.

The average factory worker received $57.47 a week in October, 1948. This was $1.92 less than the peak reached in the month previous, but $1.63 more than in October, 1947, according to the records of the bureau.

Name a Daily That Favors More Wages!

The Machinist, weekly paper of the International Association of Machinists, raises this Point for New Year consideration:

As usual, now that the new year is creeping up on us, the newspapers are beginning to worry about how much unions are going to try to get this year in raises. . . .

We can't remember any year when a daily newspaper came out editorially supporting a wage increase for working people as desirable or necessary. Every year, the same newspapers trot out the same old worries to try to make it harder to win raises.

Displaced Persons Legislation Needs Change, Says Green

The Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, which includes Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and AFL President William Green as vice-presidents, has put out the following press release:

President Truman recently announced that high on his first legislative program to be submitted to the 81st Congress is a proposal to liberalize displaced person legislation.

That legislation, known as the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, was adopted by the 80th Congress in June 1948. The Act is a composite of the Fellows bill, which was introduced in the House, and of the Wiley bill which was framed by former Senator Revercomb, well-known for his hostile attitude towards the DPs.

Some of the major discriminatory features of the Act which need correction are:

THE CUT-OFF DATE:

The Act defines a displaced person as one who was in DP camps of Germany, Austria and Italy on or before December 22, 1945. This date eliminates almost all the Jewish displaced persons from eligibility, since the majority had fled into the camps during 1946. It also cuts off many Poles, Czechs and others who entered the camps in 1946 and 1947. This date is therefore grossly discriminatory and should be advanced to at least April 21, 1947, the date General Clay ordered all camps closed to further admission.

THE BALTIC PREFERENCE:

The Act gives 40 per cent preference to those DPs whose countries of origin or nationality have been "de facto annexed by a foreign power." This provision substantially favors the Baltic DPs. Certainly, the Balts are fine and outstanding people, but there is no reason for any group to be singled out and given preferential treatment over others. Democracy dictates that all groups have an equal opportunity.

AGRICULTURAL PREFERENCE:

One provision in the Act states that 30 per cent of the visas should be issued to DPs with an agricultural background. This preference to agriculture is unrealistic when we know that other occupations are in equal need of the skills and helping hands of the DPs. This preference, too, should be abolished or broadened to include other deserving occupations.

MORTGAGING CLAUSE:

Under the terms of this bill, visas given to DPs are charged to each country's future quotas up to 50 per cent each year, until the total number of visas issued to DPs is made up by the quotas of their native land. Thus we are mortgaging the chances of future, even unborn immigrants, and this despite the fact that since 1930 we have only used up 22 per cent of the total visas permitted under law.

ADMINISTRATIVE HARDSHIP:

The Act requires that each DP have assured to him a job and house prior to entry here. It is extremely difficult to match a job and house to a person 3,000 miles away, sight unseen. Since it is a stipulation not normally required of immigrants, it should be eliminated or greatly modified.

NUMBERS PROVISION:

The Act asks for the admission of 205,000 displaced persons during a two-year period. Due to the enormity of the problem (there are still 1,000,000 DPs in Europe) and the size and richness of our country, it would be more equitable to admit 400,000 DPs over a four-year period.

Dubinsky Drive

MIAMI BEACH (LPA)—1949 will see a national organizational drive to bring 100,000 new members into the ILGWU's fold, the union management announced. Because of its growing importance in the manufacture of sportswear, this city will receive particular attention in the coming drive, David Dubinsky, president, stated.

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PATERNALISM DIDN'T PAY—It wasn't until after Dewey & Almy Chemical Co's top management men stopped feeling paternal about the AFL local in the plant, and union representatives acquired the basic skills needed in collective bargaining, that union-management relations exhibited "genuine health." That's the conclusion of a study by National Planning Association dealing with the day-to-day relations of such men as foreman Arthur Athanas and operator Frank Rocray, shown in the Dewey & Almy plant at Cambridge, Mass.—(LPA)

Central Valley Project Makes Report on Construction Status

U. S. Govt. Release

Forecasting one of Central Valley Project's biggest construction years, Regional Director Richard L. Boke today made his annual New Year "report to the people" on the status of the great reclamation program.

Boke announced that 1949 would see the initial project's two main irrigation arteries—Friant-Kern and Delta-Mendota canals — moving swiftly up the San Joaquin Valley's east and west sides, their entire lengths either finished or under construction contract. He said the year also would see substantial progress on the Tracy Pumping Plant, virtual completion of work at Shasta and Keswick dams, installation of all three electric generators at Keswick Power Plant and of the last of five generators in Shasta's power plant.

"The year 1949 should be one of our biggest building years," Boke said. "Given ample funds, which we have every reason to expect from the next Congress, this year should see us well along the road toward th goal of fulltime operation of CVP's initial works by the irrigation season of 1951."

Here is the present status of the Project's chief units:

Friant-Kern Canal, about 43 percent finished. Of the 153-mile long canal, 75 miles have been completed to the Kaweah River and 42 additional miles are under contract. Contracts for the final 36 miles to the Kern River will be let in 1949.

Delta-Mendota Canal, 20 percent finished. Of the 51 miles under contract, 23 miles are virtually complete. In 1949, the remaining 69 miles to Mendota Pool will be contracted for.

Shasta Dam, 99 percent completed. Installation of the drum gates on the spillway crest, which will add 800,000 acre-feet of water capacity to the reservoir, and of the river outlet valves in the dam Times" approaches it by having a was the construction of the highway from Summit City to Shasta Dam, and the parking area at the dam. The construction contemplated in 1949 will complete structures and facilities in the vicinity of the dam, permanent headquarters, and a 100,000-gallon water tank. Dismantling of the contractor's headtower will be completed, and reservoir clearing will continue on the Pit River.

Shasta Power Plant, 90 percent finished. Shasta's fourth 75,000-kw generator began operation early in 1948, and installation nears completion of the fifth and final unit. The five coaster gates which regulate the intake of water into the penstock pipes connecting with the turbines have been installed. It is expected that all five generators will be operated by March.

Keswick Dam, 75 percent finished. The slots left in the spillway, for river passage have been concreted, and construction begun on the gate house structure on the spillway crest of the dam. On December 29 bids were opened for relocating the railroad spur which now runs through an opening in the right abutment to the dam.

Keswick Power Plant, 80 percent finished. Cleanup and other work preparatory to installation of generators was done by Government forces, as was the installation of the fixed wheel gates for turbine control. On January 29 bids will be opened for the all-inclusive job of completing the dam and power plant for full operation in 1950. The three Keswick turbines and generators will be installed in 1949.

Switchyards, 65 percent finished. Shasta and Keswick switchyards will be completed in 1949.

Transmission Lines, 16% finished. First of the twin 25-mile 230-kv. lines from Shasta switchyard to Cottonwood substation was completed in 1948 and towers were erected as far as Elverta on the Shasta-to-Tracy line. Depending on funds and materials these lines will be extended in 1949.

Tracy Pumping Plant, 12 percent finished. Excellent progress was made in 1948, and near completion of the building is expected this summer, when installation of the huge pumps and equipment, that enable this plant to qualify as the second largest in the world, can begin.

Tracy Switchyard, construction not yet begun. All major items of equipment have been ordered, and in 1949 grading, surfacing, and foundations will be laid and installation of equipment begun.

Contra Costa Canal, 100 percent finished. Construction of the main canal was completed in 1948, and the branch canals, pumping plants and transformer stations to serve the Clayton and Ygnacio Valleys will be completed in 1949.

Friant Dam, 98 percent finished. Completed except for permanent stairs and miscellaneous finish work within the dam, and the installation of gantry cranes, four additional river-outlet valves and four valves to service the Friant-Kern Canal.

Madera Canal, 100 percent finished.

Jewish Labor

NEW YORK (AFL News)—About 2,000 members of Locals 1507, 1511 and 645 of the AFL's Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers here gave financial aid to Histradrut, the Jewish labor federation in the new State of Israel.

The AFL men volunteered to work an extra Saturday and to contribute the entire day's wages to the Israeli labor organization. Employers cooperated by paying a 50 percent raise for the day which was also contributed to the fund. A total of about $50,000 was raised by the joint effort.

12,000 MILLINERY WORKERS in New York, members of the United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union-AFL won significant wage and welfare fund gains in a contract now ratified.—(LPA).

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Local Woos Wives

MADISON, Wis. (LPA) — Meetings of the Madison Painters' Local AFL finds wives of members helping their husbands decide policy. Realizing that problems of trade unionists immediately affect their families, the Painters hit on the idea of asking the budgeteers of the family to attend meetings.

Leftists Lose

PITTSBURGH (LPA) — Left-wingers received another setback when rank and filers of Local 601, United Electrical Workers - CIO swept the elections at Westinghouse Electric Corporation here. Referring to their platform as an "anti-Communist slate" the membership voted in Phil Conahan to replace Thomas Fitzpatrick as president by a vote of almost two to one.

Tennessee Valley's Reports Show Gain Made During Year

WASHINGTON (LPA) — With Missouri valley legislation almost certain to come up during the coming session, the year-end report of Tennessee Valley Authority to the President and Congress received careful attention.

Citing electric power revenues, savings from flood control and navigation, and rate of economic progress in the Valley, the report showed that the Tennessee Valley program of regional development is paying off.

1—TVA dams saved almost $15,000,000 in flood damages during 1948.

2—River traffic in petroleum, automobiles, grain, aluminum, fertilizer, coal, iron and steel reached a new high.

3—The power system generated nearly 15 billion kilowatt-hours, about ten times as much as in 1933. Power revenues were nearly $50,000,000.

4—The Federal government has received $2 billion additional revenue from increased income taxes in the Valley.

5—Two new dams, Watauga and Holston were under construction during the year.

6—Electric service went to nearly 105,000 consumers, 71,000 rural consumers.

7—At a time when utilities all over the country have been asking permission for rate increases, TVA reduced its rates $225,000.

8—TVA's chemical plant at Muscle Shoals produced 153,000 tons of triple superphosphate, 6,000 tons of calcium metaphosphate, 27,000 tons of fused tricalcium phosphate, and 155,000 tons of ammonium nitrate.

9—The food freezing industry, which TVA helped develop grew into a $5,000,000 industry.

T-H Law Failed to Affect Number of Strikes, Says AFL

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — Comparison of strike statistics for the years 1947 and 1948 as prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals a striking similarity in the number of strikes, the total of strikers, and the volume of lost working time.

The BLS figures covered 1947, and the first 10 months of 1948 plus unofficial estimates for November and December.

The report should serve to punctuate the argument advanced by overenthusiastic supporters of the Taft-Hartley law. Backers of the anti-labor measure tried to convince the public that the law had reduced strikes and ushered in a new era of peaceful labor-management relations.

PREDICTIONS CORRECT

Actually, the official strike figures bear out the predictions of labor leaders who said at the time the law was passed that its provisions would not reduce strikes or eliminate industrial unrest. In many cases the Taft-Hartley law has been found to be the underlying cause of strikes which have taken place since its enactment.

The BLS declared that lost working time constituted the most means of comparison of the strike activity in the two periods.

In 1947, the idleness in plants where work stoppages occurred was 34,559,000 man-days. In 1948, it seemed likely to run to about 33,000,000 man-days.

The record year was 1946, with 116,000,000. In the 10 years preceding World War II the largest strike idleness was 28,400,000 man-days in 1937.

Although the strike totals for 1947 and 1948 probably will be almost alike, the strike pattern for the two years differed.

LIST OF STRIKES

The year 1947 was dominated by one very large strike, the telephone workers' stoppage, in which about 10,000,000 man-days were lost. There were also a number of middle-sized strikes which did not excite the public much. But there was no big coal strike.

However, in 1948, there were half a dozen dramatic strikes that received wide attention. The largest was the soft-coal strike over pensions in March and April, involving about 325,000 miners.

Others were the CIO's packinghouse strike, in which 85,000 were idle and three persons were killed in picket line violence; the Chrysler strike with 45,000 out; the 3-month tie-up of 28,000 CIO longshoremen and seamen on the West Coast; the strike of 45,000 AFL longshoremen on the East Coast, and the brief strike in "captive" coal mines (those owned by steel companies) in July.

17-Hour Stoppage Wins One Dollar

ST. LOUIS (LPA) — A 17 hour stoppage of all activity won gains for the United Chemical Workers-CIO in a strike against the Laclede Gas Light Company at St. Louis Mo. recently.

The three CIO locals involved won a 13c across-the-board raise, time and a half for Sunday and double time-and-a-half for holidays, heretofore unprecedented in the St. Louis area.

All pay increases gained are retroactive to July 1, 1948, and there are promises that severance pay plans will be negotiated in the near future.

The settlement climaxed six months of negotiating and delaying tactics by the Laclede Co.

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Jewish Fraternal Labor Order Lauds President Green

Workmen's Circle Release

For "courageous leadership in humanitarian causes beyond the call of his immediate duties," the Workmen's Circle, outstanding Jewish labor fraternal order, paid tribute to William Green, AFL President, at a mass meeting in New York this month.

At the AFL Convention in Cincinnati last month, the general secretary of the Workmen's Circle, Joseph Baskin, had presented to Mr. Green an award plaque in token of appreciation felt by the Workmen's Circle for Mr. Green's humanitarian activities. The December 8th meeting, held in the Central Needle Trades High School was the Workmen's Circle commemoration of the award to Brother Green.

GREEN HELPED RESCUES

In a speech by Ephim H. Jeshurin, W. C. President, it was recalled that Green had helped in the rescue and relief of many Jewish and labor leaders who had been chosen by Hitler as targets for purging and extermination. Green at that time interceded with the highest authorities of the State Department and President Roosevelt himself to accomplish these rescues.

Other speakers who paid tribute to Mr. Green were Ralph Wright, Assistant Secretary of Labor, John J. Bennett, Deputy Mayor, representing Mayor O'Dwyer of New York, Alexander Kahn, General Manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, and David Dubinsky, who described in his speech the giant murals on the walls of the Central Needle Trades High School Auditorium, depicting how the immigrants of the early twentieth century rose out of the sweat-shops into their own powerful trade union organization.

GREEN'S REWARDS

Brother Green had this to say about the Workmen's Circle:

"It is a great pleasure for me to be afforded this opportunity to express my personal and official gratitude to the Workmen's Circle for the value cooperation which it has always extended to the trade union movement in this country.

"Since it was founded at the beginning of the century by Jewish immigrant workers, the Workmen's Circle has rendered notable service in organized labor's fight against Nazism, Fascism and Communist totalitarianism, in the battle for union recognition, for the promotion of civil rights, for progressive legislation, and for world peace.

"As president of the American Federation of Labor I have always found that I can count upon the Workmen's Circle to contribute its energies and resources in the raising of funds for the relief of the oppressed and for every other worthy cause."

Reforms Needed by Congress Surveyed

WASHINGTON (LPA) — An attack on the filibuster was one of the key requests made of all members of the 81st Congress by the National Committee for Strengthening Congress.

The Committee, which includes people with views as varying as CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey and General Electric President Charles E. Wilson, agreed on rules reforms it would like to see passed in the new Congress.

"Four great dangers now confront the efficient functioning of the 81st Congress," said a letter which went to all the Senators and Representatives.

"1—Filibusters in the Senate
2—Blockades in the House
3—Hostile coalitions on the floor
4—Converting professional committee staffs into patronage positions."

"The filibuster," wrote Committee Chairman Robert Heller, "makes the world's greatest deliberative body appear ridiculous to the nation and the world."

"House rules," he said, "must be changed to eliminate the veto power of the Rules committee" over other committees.

In discussing hostile coalitions on the floor, the committee made it clear that they consider the two-party system "the only way for us to run our democracy." Party leaders should have the responsibility and power to select the chairmen of the standing committees instead of relying upon the seniority system, they declared.

Finally, the group suggested that the House follow the lead of the Senate, "whose Committee on Executive Expenditures has studied ways and means of implementing and improving the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. This act provided for "professional staffing of standing committees on a permanent basis without regard to political affiliations and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the office."

Monopoly Penalty Called Wrist Slap

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Present penalties for anti-trust violations are not adequate, the House Small Business Committee reported after investigating monopolies for the past year.

Violators are usually just fined said Chairman Walter Ploeser (R., Mo.), and "the fines are just a slap on the wrist for a serious defense. They are a cheap tax to pay and in fact a fine can be used as a base of expense for new profits—just a business expense."

Executives violating the trust laws should be excluded from business for a certain number of years, the Committee recommended, the time of suspension to be increased with each offense.

The group also suggested that the government immediately proceed to break up dangerous combines in the oil and movie industries. Another recommendation was that a percentage tax be substituted for the present flat tax on cigarettes.

WOOL WHIRLWIND — Roland Burkhart of Pandora, Ohio, last month won the sheep sheering contest at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago. Burkhart is a member of the Sheep Shearers' Union, a subdivision of Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen-AFL.—(LPA)

Labor-Management Conference Urged By Economics Board

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A conference of Labor, management, agriculture and public representatives to set up wage and price standards for a healthy economy, was suggested by the President's economic advisors.

"A wage structure in relation to prices that will maintain the producing power of industry and the buying power of labor in sound proportion" is essential to avoid economic breakdowns, the Council of Economic Advisors declared in its Third Annual Report.

Occasional strikes, the economists pointed out, may do less long-run damage to the economy than is done by settlements which "do not reflect the economic requirements for sustained general prosperity but reflect only the relative strength of the parties." This is what labor has been saying for the past two years when it went into negotiations seeking wage raises without disastrous price rises. It is what union representatives have been saying when they warned that corporations cannot continue to take exhorbitant profits without inviting eventual economic collapse.

EMPLOYMENT ACT

The Council of Economic Advisors was set up under the Employment Act of 1946 to study the functions of the national economy and report to the President on economic problems. Its members are Edwin G. Nourse, Leon H. Keyserling and John D. Clark.

One of the policies of the Council is that the terms of labor contracts shall be left to the voluntary action of management and labor. Labor and management, this report asserts, have both been opposed to government intervention in collective bargaining. Strikes, which are caused by both labor and management, however, effect the public welfare. Government interference could not solve labor management relations, the economists maintain, but a fair wage-price standard would make for smoother collective bargaining.

CONFERENCE PLANS

A conference to set up such standards should be carefully planned ahead of time with an agenda agreed upon containing only subjects where there is some chance of agreement, the Council comments. Any standards arrived at would not be binding but might eventually lead to a more workable formulation of wage policies. Economic studies have been made by the Council that would be useful in such a conference.

Other matters dealt with in the report were farm price supports, housing, social security laws, and monopoly. In addition to approving Government farm price support program, the economic advisors predict that it will be continued. A government housing program, they say, "must be accepted because of the seriousness of the housing shortage, and anti-inflationary policies must be devised to curb inflation even while the expansion of housing is being encouraged." Social security laws will be expanded, the economists point out, and a high Federal budget will be "a more basic feature of our economy for many years to come."

Miners' Oldest Pensioner Now 81

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The United Mine Workers welfare and retirement fund brought a Merry Christmas to 81-year old Richard Bagley of Dixonville, in western Pennsylvania. Bagley, oldest miner to qualify to date for UMW pension benefits, worked in the Pennsylvania mines until only a year ago, UMW President John L. Lewis disclosed.

A member of UMW Local 1515, Bagley worked in the bituminous mines for 44 years, until his retirement late in 1947.

Since the fund was opened last September, after nearly a year's stalling by the employer member on its board of trustees, it has brought relief from insecurity to mine veterans throughout the country.

Financed by coal operator payments of 20c a ton on coal mined, the welfare and retirement fund provides $100 a month payments to retired miners and scaled benefits to sick and disabled miners and their families. Death benefits of $1000 are also provided.

Bagley's check came from the bituminous industry's fund—while a similar plan covers workers in anthracite mines.

JOINT SENATE-HOUSE committee on the Economic Report has wound up hearings on current high business profits. During the hearings, the committee heard union witnesses testify in favor of government action to correct the present dangerous unbalanced state of our economy.—(LPA).

Vacation With Pay Clause Written in More Union Pacts

State Govt. Release

Vacations with pay are now provided in a very high proportion of union contracts in California and paid sick leave plans are being written into agreements in a wide variety of industries, it was disclosed today in a report released by Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations.

An analysis of 1,241 union agreements in effect in California in 1948 revealed that 1,106 contracts, or 89 percent of the total, granted paid vacations. The trend toward the general practice of paid vacations is shown by the fact that in 1941 only 54 percent of the contracts studied by the Department of Industrial Relations allowed the employes a vacation with pay.

MORE SICK LEAVE

Nearly 20 percent of all contracts analyzed in 1948 provided for sick leave with pay compared with only 12 percent of those surveyed in 1944. Contracts guaranteeing sick leave pay during illness were found in 36 of the 45 industry divisions for which contracts were analyzed.

Scharrenberg also announced release of the publication, **Union Labor in California, 1947,** which indicated an increase of 7 percent in union membership between June 1946 and June 1947. Total employment in the State rose 3½ percent during the same period.

Workers in the construction industry comprised the highest percentage of all union members reported, 17 pereent. The next largest membership was reported by locals in the transportation and public warehousing industry, followed by those in food manufacturing.

WOMEN MEMBERS

A significant trend revealed by this report is the increasing proportion of locals having women members. In 1940, 25 percent of the reporting locals indicated that they had women on their membership roster. In 1947, the proportion had increased to 45 percent of all the reporting locals in California.

Women comprised one out of every six union members reported. The highest ratio of female to total members was in the textiles and apparel industry, in which women represented almost three-fourths of the total membership reported. The second highest ratio was in locals composed of hotel and restaurant workers, followed by those in food manufacturing.

1000 ILO Pacts

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFL News)—The International Labor Organization announced that it had registered the 1,000th acceptance of international labor treaties by the more than 50 nations connected with the world labor body.

David A. Morse, director-general of the ILO, said the treaties are part of a "basic code of international obligations designed to insure that the common man everywhere can live in freedom, dignity, economic security and equal opportunity."

In a ceremony at ILO headquarters here, instruments of ratification of 10 treaties dealing with seafarers' welfare and work were filed for the government of France by Paul Ramadier, Minister of National Defense.

Steel Men Seeking Every Possible Bit Of Profit, Says LPA

NEW YORK (LPA) — The steel barons' fight to eke every possible dollar of profits out of the nation's consumers, and out of our defense and foreign aid programs, went on without let-up through the holiday season.

Meeting in New York the National Association of Steel Exporters demanded that Commerce Department controls on the export of the crucial metal be ended, so that they can channel steel out of the country on the basis of profit, not foreign or domestic need.

Part of their propaganda balloon was pricked by Office of Int'l Trade Ass't Director Francis McIntyre. He pointed out that actually licenses to export had been issued last year for more steel than was actually shipped out. The exporters claimed that the licensing system holds up shipments destined for Marshall plan countries.

Another government official, Federal Trade Commission Chairman Robert E. Freer, answered steel industry inspired attacks on FTC's anti-basing point decisions. Freer declared that ulterior motives prompt the complaints of "some businessmen" about the "confusion" that has arisen from FTC and Supreme Court rulings on the basing point system of delivered prices.

They are attempting to convince other business men that FTC will rule against all delivered prices, while in fact the Commission's objection is solely to basing point systems designed to destroy competition, Freer pointed out. He charged that there is a concerted attempt to amend the anti-trust laws to legalize monopolistic pricing systems, and hinted that the investigation of FTC by the special committee of the expiring 80th Congress headed by Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) is a part of the scheme.

Profits Up

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Despite industry's efforts to pull the wool over labor's and the buying public's eyes at recent congressional profits hearings, the gory facts are that industry is still playing the wolf-in-sheep's-clothing act for all it is worth.

U. S. Department of Commerce reported that national income has showed an increase of $5.6 billion in the third quarter of 1948, and that corporate profits went up 6 per cent over the preceding quarter. Their take has mounted by "about the same amount," says the report, as it did in the first-to-second quarter.

The very boys who were yelling at the profits hearings about leaving things alone lest we hit another depression, are the ones who made the most in the third quarter according to the report—the iron and steel industry alone accounted for "more than half" of the $375 million figure for manufacturing.

"Compensation for employes"—and all-inclusive category — increased by almost $6.5 billion in the third quarter. This rise reflected the effects of wage rate increases negotiated in the third and at the end of the second quarter, expanded employment, and the absence of major labor-management disputes."

Vets' Care Cost

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Private medical treatment for ex-GIs cost the government $11,437,739 last year. The Veterans' Administration said the average charge was $4.18 for 2,735,429 treatments received by 76,165 war veterans. The Veterans' Administration said the cost average for treatments ranged from $8.63 in New York City to $2.46 in Salt Lake City.

GOP's Waiters

NEW YORK (LPA)—The Republicans are having trouble with their stronghold! A vote of eight to seven found waiters, waitresses, and bus boys of the National Republican Club petitioning for recognition by the Hotel and Club Employes-AFL, the NLRB announced.

Some Doctors Bolt AMA's Lobby Drive

NEW YORK (LPA)—The American Medical Association does not echo the views of all U. S. MDs in its reactionary campaign against national health insurance, a survey prepared by the Committee for the Nation's Health shows.

AMA's governing body, the House of Delegates, which ordained the $25 per doctor levy to fight proposed health insurance legislation doesn't represent rank-and-file physicians, CNH declared. While half of the nation's practicing physicians are under 45 years of age, 95% of the delegates are over 45, and 70% over 55, the liberal organization pointed out.

CNH said that only 15% of the AMA big-wigs are general practitioners, although 50% of the country's doctors are. And while 30% of our medics work in communities with less than 5000 population, only 8% of the delegates are from the small towns.

As many as 15% of all doctors replying to a questionnaire declared that they are willing to participate in a national health insurance program. Another 24% was "undecided." Only 61% stuck to the AMA "no participation" party line which has been fed them for years.

In New England and in the Middle Atlantic states nearly half the MDs bolted the AMA party line.

CNH explains that the poll was taken during the 80th Congress when there was no chance for the passage of a health bill. A much better response would be forthcoming if the bill makes headway now, CNH believes.

March of Dimes is Given Big Boost by Missouri Teamsters

St. Louis Labor Tribune

It was back in October, 1946, when Louis Abercrombie, began feeling sick on his job filling and shipping orders in the retail department of Carter Carburetor Company, and sought medical aid. He tried three doctors before it was discovered that what was ailing Louis was the dread polio.

Since that time Louis has lived in an iron lung, looking at life through a mirror, as Clarissa Start related in a recent feature story in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Actually, he's lucky to be here at all, according to Mrs. Agnes Genova, who has been his nurse since he joined some 35 other polio patients at St. Anthony's Hospital where he stays. "He had a bulbar spinal," Mrs. Genova explained. "You hardly ever see one that has a bulbar. The mortality rate is very high."

Part of the credit for Louis' survival should go to the membership of AFL Teamsters Local No. 718, according to Melroy Horn, president and business representative of the union. The March of Dimes had been a "pet charity" of the union since its inauguration by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Union officials, including Ed. Dorsey, secretary-treasurer and business representative; Claude W. Ault, recording secretary, members of the executive board, and others, as well as many of the members, have been very active on behalf of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, sending out cards and making collections in conjunction with the annual polio drive.

But filled with a desire to do "something more" for those stricken with polio, the membership concurred wholeheartedly when the idea was brought up of outright purchase of an iron lung and its presentation to the local chapter of the Foundation. At a well-attended meeting of the local union, members saw a demonstration of the life-giving respirator and then voted resoundingly in favor of making the necessary donation from the union's funds for its purchase at about $2000.

T-H "Bootlegal"

SEATTLE — Prohibition brought bootlegging.

But the Taft-Hartley law is bringing "bootlegal" declares Rev. James Toner of St. Martin's College. The Rev. Toner is author of the comprehensive study "The Closed Shop" declared by West Coast labor economists to be one of the better volumes on the subject.

In a more recent article Rev. Toner says that "the 'bootlegal' potentialities of the T-H Act . . . may not, and probably cannot" destroy, outlaw or abolish the closed shop.

It is entirely legal, says the authority, for union men, individually, to refuse to work with nonunion men. This method has been used in Great Britain, where the closed shop is a common practice although not included in union agreements.

Informal understandings, sometimes called "cuff agreements" or "gentlemen's agreements," can be established between employers and employes who have been having mutually satisfactory relationships, he said.

ILGWU Benefits

CLEVELAND (LPA)—ILGWUers here became the first of their trade outside New York to win retirement benefits, the union announced at the close of contract negotiations with Cleveland's Apparel Manufacturers. The Association, representing eight employers, agreed in addition to a wage increase of 15 per cent and will begin paying sickness and death benefits January 1.

AFL Wins Vote

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AFL News)—The AFL's Citrus Workers Union 24215 won a collective bargaining election conducted among employes of the Bordo Products Co. here by the National Labor Relations Board.

Workers in the plant cast 305 ballots in favor of the AFL union against 202 for "no union."

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON—A Chicago Christmas party for blind musicians was typical of the sort of services that American Federation of Musicians-AFL perform all year round. AFM President James C. Petrillo offers a stalk of celery to Timmy, 19-month old son of Bob McLain, a blind musician.—(LPA)

Consumer During Last 6 Months Makes a Stand Against Prices

State Federation News Service

The consumer, in the last six months, has apparently turned the key against today's merchandise at prevailing prices. The market for modern home appliances, for instance, may continue to decline as current sales indicate, until prices scale down to a point commensurate with expendable income. This is the opinion of Stanley L. Kedzierski, Marketing Specialist, San Francisco Regional Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce, in an analysis of recent trends in that industry.

The home appliance industry has undergone great changes. Among the factors listed is over-expansion, both in manufacturing and in retail stores.

In addition, it is the concensus of opinion among the manufacturers that too many dealers in the home appliance business possess little or no knowledge of selling methods, and that the months ahead will probably see the elimination of many of the weak or poorly operated. Others, however, fear that there are more serious underlying influences which are not too apparent at the present time.

FACTORIES RETOOL

To recapture the postwar market, manufacturers retooled as rapidly as possible, while many new enterprises, with no previous experience, began to produce conventional prewar appliances. The electric iron business is an example, and this branch of the appliance industry was one of the first to fill the war-drained pipeline. But after the product had already begun to back up in the pipeline, three new electric irons were introduced, one by a vacuum cleaner manufacturer, one by a clock manufacturer, and the other by a flour milling concern.

RESISTANCE RISES

This was also true of wholesalers of plumbing, electric goods, lumber, roofing, flooring, and auto supply houses, which secured distributors' franchises for home appliances, and retail stores mushroomed throughout the country.

Early in 1948 the home appliance industry began to learn that something had happened to the potential market. Appliances had begun to collect dust on the dealers' shelves, inventories were high, and the number of wholesale delinquent accounts were mounting. The significance of what was happening could no longer be ignored.

CONSUMER HOLDS KEY

There was no lessening of desire for appliances or worsening of living standards. Prices, which were completely out of line, had encountered resistance.

In the final analysis, it is the consumer who holds the key to this industry as well as others, and unless the prices are scaled down, no amount of propaganda or other technical procedures will attract the consumer. It is a danger sign, flowing from the inflationary condition which the people are now suffering.

In this connection it is not inappropriate to mention that a buyers' market appears to be back in an increasing number of commodities and many customers are "shopping around." The mere fact that manufacturers now have to concentrate more on considering all the factors which make for effective merchandising, which nearly became a "lost art" during recent years of shortages, indicates some very significant trends.

AFL Clerks' Drive

NEW YORK (LPA)—Transfer of jurisdiction over department store workers from one CIO union to another will not hold up the organizing plans of the Retail Clerks Protection Association-AFL Vice President Samuel J. Meyers said last week.

Meyers declared before the CIO plans were announced the RCPA had already mapped out its organizing drive. "Department store workers are entitled to a union of their own," he affirmed.

RCPA Secretary-Treasurer James A. Suffridge has been discussing these plans with Dave Beck, executive vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Meyers revealed. He pointd out the importance of aid from the drivers' union in organizing retail workers.

T-H Backlog

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The NLRB, which has for months been struggling with a heavy backlog of Taft-Hartley law cases, was breathing a little easier as the old year—and the Taft-Hartley law, drew to a close. Board statistics revealed that on December 1 only 7169 cases remained to be acted upon, as compared with 14,421 on the first of May.

In November, the month when the people of the U. S. repudiated the Taft-Hartley law at the polls, fewer cases were filed with the board than during any previous month in 1948.

About 78% of the votes cast in collective bargaining elections during November were recorded for labor unions, and 93% of union members voting in union shop polls declared for union security.

Even under the Taft-Hartley law, 316 of the 394 unfair labor practices charged during November were levelled against employers.

Tax Booklet

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — The government began selling a 115-page booklet telling Americans how to prepare their income tax returns.

George J. Schoeneman, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, said the booklet could be obtained from the Government Printing Office for 25 cents.

He said it gave detailed information on the new income tax law under which taxpayers would file their returns next March 15, including specific illustrations.

The commissioner said the booklet should not be confused with the 16-page booklet to be mailed to all taxpayers along with their income tax blanks.

Printing Specialty Union Seeks to Get Rehearing of Case

Printing Specialties Union

The United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francicso will be asked shortly to grant rehearing on its recent decision upholding the anti-boycott restrictions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The Federal tribunal made its ruling on an appeal from an injunction against picketing the products of a struck Los Angeles plant of Sealright Pacific, Ltd. by Printing Specialties and Paper Converters Local 388, A. F. of L. The Court's opinion, written by Circuit Judge Healy declared that "peaceful picketing may constitutionally be confined by legislation to the area of industrial dispute, or, in plainer English, to the premises of the employer with whom the dispute is in progress."

The petition for rehearing is being prepared by Attorneys Robert W. Gilbert, representing the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and Clarence Todd for the California State Federation of Labor.

Strikes Decline

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A Labor Department report showed that strikes were on the decline during November as compared with October. The report went on to state that work stoppages usually decrease toward the year's end. About 90,000 workers were involved in strike activity in November as compared with 110,000 in October.

Co-ops Hit High

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—An all-time high in both membership and business was reached by the consumers' cooperative movement in the United States in 1947, according to a report appearing in the current issue of the Monthly Labor Review published by the Labor Department.

Central Valley in Water Contracts

U. S. Govt. Release

In step with the rapid construction record on the Central Valley Project is the progress made and being made in negotiations for the sale of project water, Richard L. Boke, Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, disclosed today.

In 1948 five contracts were executed relating to Central Valley Project water. Two of these were with the Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, one for the construction of a distribution system to cost over $9,000,000, and the other an amended water service contract for a maximum 97,000 acre-feet firm supply of irrigation water annually and 50,000 acre-feet of Class 2 (if available) water.

MORE NEGOTIATIONS

Another of the contracts executed in 1948 was with the Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District for a maximum 30,000 acre-feet of Class 1 water. Two municipal water service contracts were executed, one with the Shasta Dam area Public Utility District, and the other with the Summit City Public Utility District.

The prices called for in these contracts were $3.50 per acre-foot of Class 1 water; $1.50 for Class 2 water; and $20 per acre-foot for municipal water.

Some 14 other districts are in various stages of active negotiation with the Bureau for purchases of Central Valley Project water. Of these, arrangements are well advanced for water service and for construction of distribution systems with three—Lindmore, Exeter, and Ivanhoe districts. For water service only negotiations are well advanced with the Tulare and Orange Cove Irrigation Districts.

CONTRACTS PUSHED

"The Bureau's efforts to complete the physical features of the project's initial works, looking toward their full operation in 1951, are matched by our efforts towards the execution of contracts for the sale of water which the Project makes available," Mr. Boke said. "The prospects for completion of a number of these in 1949 are excellent. We are very gratified over the fine spirit of cooperation from the directors of the various irrigation districts with whom the Bureau is dealing."

Mr. Boke added that in all probability the Bureau this year will conclude negotiations with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency for providing domestic and irrigation water service for the city of Santa Barbara, the South Coast area, and the Santa Ynez Water Conservation District.

In 1949 the Bureau also will probably complete an amended repayment contract with the Shasta View Irrigation District, Klamath Project, Mr. Boke said.

Mill Owners Lose

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Danville Knitting Mills lost their attempt to intimidate employes when the NLRB ordered the company to "cease and desist" interference with Textile Workers' Union-CIO organizational drive. The board's decision marks a decisive victory for the union.

Quill Wins Again

NEW YORK (LPA)—Leftists in the Transport Workers' Union-CIO suffered another rebuff when, already stripped of power in the union, they failed to obtain a court order against President Michael Quill's lieutenants by Commie units, which were countered by right-wing elements charging the suit as "grist for Commie propaganda mills."

Court decisions held that the local should decide whether or not the action should be pressed.

Carpenters Taking Refresher Course, St. Louis Reports

St. Louis Labor Tribune

Forty-eight AFL Carpenters are adding to their skill and craftsmanship in the building trades by attending night "refresher" training sessions sponsored by the AFL Carpenters District Council's Board of Business Agents, Executive Secretary Erwin C. Meinert of the Council told the Labor Tribune.

These ambitious tradesmen are spending three hours, one night a week, studying general techniques of the trade, Meinert said, in search of more efficiency and broader training. The unanimous sentiment of those carpenters who are taking the course classifies the endeavor as "very interesting—to say the least", he added.

Special emphasis in the training has been placed on framing by use of the steel square, the official related. Robert S. Frantz, a highly-skilled old-time carpenter, is in charge of the classes, which are conducted in the Hadley Vocational High School, 3405 Bell Avenue.

Handling active direction of the program is the Council's Board of Business Agents, consisting of D. Richard Adams, Val V. Roy Krehmeyer, Henry Weinreich, and William McDaniel.

The Carpenters District Council is sponsoring this class as it has in past years, and has earned much good will from employer contractors, private builders, and home owners generally, by providing the best possible labor supply in the trade. It is conceded that the "refresher" training has been a powerful factor in keeping the level of craftsmanship so high.

College Record

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — Enrollment of students in the nation's 1,788 colleges and universities set a new record this fall, 3 percent above the previous peak set in the fall of 1947, according to a report issued by the Federal Security Administration.

The total was 2,408,249, about half of which represented men and women veterans, the report said. The number of veterans declined by 9 percent from the number enrolled in 1947.

New York University reported the largest number of students, with an enrollment of 47,647.

AFL Skippers Hit by Foreman Clause in T-H

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Masters, Mates and Pilots-AFL have learned the full effect that the Taft-Hartley law can have on their organization. The NLRB, in a case involving MM&P and six Great Lakes shipping companies, denied the union all federal protection in its demand for collective bargaining recognition.

Disregarding the union's contention that Great Lakes mates and pilots are professional employes rather than supervisors, the NLRB said that the Taft-Hartley law's denial of bargaining rights to supervisors applies to them. It flatly refused MM&P's request for a bargaining agent election among the six companies' employes.

Tobin Says Civil Rights Fight Sure

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin promised that President Truman will do everything in his power to further his civil rights program in the new Congress this month.

The assurance was given to Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority which held its convention in Washington. Tobin told the organization that state and national fair employment practice laws are necessary to guard women, and minority groups, against job discrimination.

President Truman himself received last week a petition from 50 leading citizens urging him to back proposals for changing Senate rules, thereby abolishing the filibuster, and making possible the enactment of his civil rights program. Among the signers of the petition, circulated by the American Civil Liberties Union, are Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, philosopher John Dewey, novelist Pearl Buck, economist Stuart Chase, and Victor Reuther, educational director of the United Auto Workers-CIO.

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HERE'S A SAMPLE OF STUFFED SHIRT STUFF ABOUT TEACHERS!

Among the educators who have been rumored to be interested in trying to land the job of Oakland Superintendent of Schools when Dr. Odell leaves is Fred Ching, now Salinas Superintendent of Schools but formerly a principal of an Oakland school.

Some time ago Mr. Ching was asked by Fred Clayson, secretary of AFL Teachers Local 1020 of Salinas, to give a written statement, which could be quoted, of his attitude toward the Salinas local, and toward teachers' unions in general.

"Since I do not know who is a member of your local," Mr. Ching wrote in reply, "I can impersonally, and with all frankness, say that for the most part, those teachers whom I know as being members of a teachers' union are somewhat disgruntled with their job, and seem to be constantly carrying a chip on their shoulder so far as their professional relations are concerned. This attitude of mind certainly is most detrimental to happiness and success in teaching."

Mr. Ching went on to say that while teachers' unions always claim to be "fighting for more democratic practices," he finds it difficult to reconcile this claim with "that of membership in a teachers' union being a guarded secret so far as the school administrator is concerned."

"I do not think," writes Mr. Ching, "that secret membership organizations have any place among the teaching staff of a school system."

Really, dear Mr. Ching!

You first make it plain that you think any teacher who would be so low and vulgar as to join a union must inevitably have an "attitude of mind certainly . . . most detrimental to happiness and success in teaching"—in short, deserves to be fired.

Then you, beloved Mr. Ching, who have the power of firing and hiring, and who have just made it amply plain that you think a teacher who would join a union should be fired, then you turn around and wonder why the lads and lasses under your thumb don't rush up and tell you that they're union members!

Mr. Ching concluded his letter with this statement:

"Nothing that I have said here is in criticism of the American Federation of Labor, nor of the AFT (American Federation of Teachers) as an organization, for as to the latter I know nothing of its objectives or purposes, and little of its accomplishments. What I have said applies to procedures used by teacher unions within my knowledge which I feel are detrimental to the best interests of teaching and to the best interests of the teaching profession as a whole.

In that masterly paragraph we especially love the eloquent phrase: "I know nothing."

It's this sort of thing we object to in the conduct of the Oakland school system, in a Board of Education made up of persons drawn from groups who "know nothing" of labor unions' "objectives or purposes," and with men chosen for administrative positions who also proudly "know nothing" for the "objectives and purposes" of the labor people whose children go to the public schools.

This poor fellow Ching is a typical specimen of the proudly and professionally ignorant men holding high educational posts. With such "I know nothing" men in charge of our schools, men who think that any teacher who joins a union must be a disgruntled nincompoop who should be fired, it is not surprising that this item turned up recently in the New York Times:

"Despite the need for more teachers in this country, fewer students are preparing for the teaching profession this fall than a year ago, according to a nation-wide survey by the New York Times."

Young men and women don't want to rush into a line of work where they're considered disgruntled if they try to make an honest effort to improve their conditions and their communities as millions of other workers in other lines have already done. They don't want to serve under men who boast that "I know nothing" of one of the great social significances of our century. This may be hard for our Chings and our Oakland Board of Education to understand, but at least that very dangerously radical paper, the New York Times, seems to understand that young men and women are getting fed up with something or other about our school system.

SIX TIMES THREE EQUALS GOSH

The Chinese Communist radio has broadcast a list of 45 Chinese Government leaders and military men who, it said, were "war criminals well known for their heinous crimes, and who, all Chinese agree, should receive the just penalty."

Heading the list was the name of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Madame Chiang also was named. Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Ambassador to the United States of the Chinese Government, also was listed as one who "should receive the just penalty."

On the same day the United Nations Good Offices Committee asked the Netherlands Government delegation and the Republic of Indonesia delegation to provide immediate information on what steps had been taken to implement the cease fire issued the day before by the UN Security Council.

A Dutch spokesman said that the committee's letter was relayed to the Hague for action. The head of the Republic of Indonesia delegation said that the Security Coucil's order "has no meaning for the Republic since its leaders have been captured and the Government is unable to function."

Well, we've hanged Tojo as a war criminal and presumably feel very virtuous about it.

Will someone now please step to the head of the class and answer these two questions:

1—If the Chinese Communists win and hang Generalissimo and Madame Chiang, what do we say and how do we explain that our action in hanging Tojo was immensely and extremely different? Or do we just keep silent?

2—How do we explain to the citizens of the beaten-down Indonesian Republic that the action of our friends the Dutch in suddenly invading the Republic and seizing all the leaders of the Republic was extremely and immensely different from Tojo's action in invading Pearl Harbor without warning?

The answer to both questions is the same: SIX TIMES THREE EQUALS SOMETHING YOU'D HAVE NEVER THOUGHT OF, BUT IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE EIGHTEEN.

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

VICTOR RIESEL, Labor commentator, says that "it is now definitely believed" by "Harry Truman's closest policy-making advisors" that "there is a seething split between Stalin and the younger bloc in the Soviet's high command, a bloc which today wants to throw its tens of thousands of trained revolutionary agents into action from Paris to Saigon."

That makes nice inside-the-Iron-Curtain stuff to read, but we doubt if anyone knows just what's going on inside the iron heads in the Kremlin. Just how many FBI men are on hand to serve the vodka and empty the ash trays when the Politburo sits down to plot mayhem, murder, and messiness? Not many, we opine.

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THAT CALMNESS OF TONE IN THE SOVIET

Howard Fast the novelist, who writes in the People's World out of pure kindness of heart, and for no other reason, of course, is very much disturbed because that eminent "old and worthy literary journal," the Saturday Review, printed recently an analysis of the way the Soviet politicians crack down on scientists who dare to turn up facts the politicians don't like.

Speaking of Tryfem Lysenko, the scientist who happens to be in favor with the Stalinarchy at the moment, Fast says: "I can say that I read his book and that I was impressed by his calmness of tone, his scholarly approach, and his patient marshaling of facts—a characteristic of Soviet argumentation in almost every field."

Yes, if there's anything that Molotov and Vishensky are famous for when they're yelling that we're a nation of goons and thugs, it's calmness of tone, scholarly approach, and patient marshaling of facts!

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YES, GET THE LATEST KLAN FRONT LISTED!

Gilbert A. Harrison, national chairman of the American Veterans Committee has called U. S. Attorney General Clark's attention to the fact that the Klan is not listed by the Government as a subversive organization. That is, the Associated Klans of Georgia isn't on the list, although the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is listed. Harrison says that the Associated Klans of Georgia is merely the latest name adopted by the outfit, and that the older name is out.

One thing about "fronts"—they change their names so often it's hard to keep up with them. But another thing about them is that our Un-American Activities crowd is always a lot quicker in hunting down some organization they suspect of being Communist than of some organization practically everyone knows is Fascist in its tendency.

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SPELLING AND LOGIC ARE NOT THE SAME

H. L. Mencken of the United States thinks that George Bernard Shaw of the British Isles is wrong in proposing that some 18 letters be added to the English alphabet, so that it will be easier to make spelling correspond with sound.

"Shaw greatly overestimates the disadvantage of the present English spelling," says Mencken. "It really causes a great deal less difficulty than he seems to think."

Perhaps that all depends on whether you're a "born speller" or not. Some spell with ease, but can't add six and seven and make the sum come out uneven. Others, vice versa.

Certainly the ability to spell isn't proved to be connected with the ability to think. The Labor Journal sometimes receives communications perfectly spelled, but with fuzzy logic in them. On the other hand, we get imperfectly spelled communications which are very clear and logical.

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MRS. FDR WAS REALLY UNKIND TO HORIZON

A Federal Judge in Chicago the other day ordered destroyed two tons of documents of the bankrupt Insull Utility Investments, Inc. Associated Press said that "creditors' claims against the corporation" headed by the late Sam Insull "totaled $57,000,000. Holders of debentures were paid off at the rate of $90 a thousand. Stockholders got nothing."

There's some old dirt there that Pegler could paw around in for days on end if his nose weren't so constructed that corporation dirt can't be smelled by it. But if it had been a union that had failed to cross a T or dot an I, how that noble Peglerian proboscis would get to work!

By the way, that was rather mean of Mrs. Roosevelt to say the other day that Pegler is a "gnat on the horizon." What did the horizon ever do to her that she should wish Pegler onto it?

THE TIME-KEEPER

The big raw-boned farmer boy was sitting on the bank of the creek fishing, when a visitor from the city came up to him and sneeringly remarked: "Your time must not be very valuable to you, young fellow. I've been watching you for three hours, and you haven't got a single bite."

"Well, stranger," the boy rejoined, "my time is not worth much to me, but it would be too valuable for me to waste three hours of it watching a fellow fish that warn't gettin' a bite."

A belief, if it is universal, does not mean that it is well-founded or true.—P. E. Goodard.

A bore is one who talks when you want him to listen.—Pierce.

NAM GETS ITS NEEDINGS FROM AFL'S HAT WORKER

June Reisfeld in the AFL Hat Worker has an article on the National Association of Manufacturers headed: "Reaction's Faithful Servant: the NAM Has Been Peddling Labor Hate Ever Since Its Founding; It's Still at the Old Stand; a Standpat, Stupid Outfit that Misrepresents Employers No Less Than the General Public." We herewith reprint the opening paragraph of her article, and "The Fighting Record of a Dirty Fighter" which accompanies it in the Hat Worker:

"Organized labor knows but one law, and that is the law of physical force—the law of the Huns and Vandals, the law of the savage. All its purposes are accomplished either by actual force or by threat of force. . . . It is, in all its essential features, a mob-power, knowing no master except its own will. . . . Its history is stained with blood and ruin."

The above statement marks the beginning of an important phase in the life of the National Association of Manufacturers—the origin of its concern with labor relations. This bit of profound hysterics was mouthed at the 1903 Convention of the Association by its president, D. M. Parry. It was the daddy of all the shrill anti-labor outbursts which have gone out in the name of the NAM.

The National Association of Manufacturers was organized in 1895 not primarily as a labor baiting outfit. Its declared purpose was the promotion of trade. With the turn of the century and the coming of prosperity, new demands were made by the growing trade unions for better working conditions. This development prompted the sprouting of a number of employers' associations which gravitated to the NAM as the centralized body to fight the growth of the trade union movement. . . .

THE FIGHTING RECORD OF A DIRTY FIGHTER

For those who think that labor is unduly prejudiced against the National Association of Manufacturers, here is part of its record to date. Incidentally, it is a record which the general press, with unwonted charitableness, has failed to publish. To fill in what the commercial papers have neglected to print, we herewith submit the following as the NAM's past performance:

1. The NAM opposed the Securities Exchange Act, a law which protects investors against dishonest bookkeeping and stock manipulation by corporations.

2. It opposed the Reciprocal Trade Agreements and insisted on economic isolationism, twin brother of political isolationism.

3. It opposed the National Labor Relations Act giving labor a break.

4. It opposed the Agricultural Price Parity Act giving farmers a break.

5. It opposed laws to spur housing.

6. It opposed the Social Security Act giving all industrial workers a break.

7. It opposed the Fair Labor Standards Act establishing a floor for wages and a ceiling for hours.

8. It opposed the Emergency Work Relief Act, which saved millions of unemployed and their families from misery and starvation.

9. It opposed the Banking Act of 1935 which took control of America's fiscal policy away from the private bankers and put it into the hands of the Government.

10. It opposed and succeeded in destroying the Guffey Act, which gave miners a break.

11. It opposed the Public Utilities Holding Company Act, which forced the utility monopolies to squeeze some of the water out of their capitalization and held the price of electric current down.

12. It opposed—it opposed—it opposed—. Indeed, there is not a public policy or piece of legislation for the welfare of the people that it did not oppose. Conversely, there is hardly a bill or proposal in Congress and the state legislatures to the disservice of the general public which it did not sponsor or actively support. Remember its action on rationing and price controls!

And with all this, the NAM still has the impudence to represent itself as a body seeking the betterment of society and the improvement of the national fabric of the United States.

The NAM represents nothing but the most stupid and most benighted reactionary greed of a handful of hog fat industrial pirates. It does not even represent the great bulk of industrial employers for whom it presumes to speak. The machinery of the NAM is so rigged that its own members have little say in its working.

LABOR NEWS ALWAYS THE SAME

N. Y. State Dept. of Labor Bulletin

Newspaper reports on labor disputes and negotiations, although generally fair and accurate, tend to read alike. This is partly because situations repeat themselves, and partly because words and their users have a way of doing so as well. No lexicon of hackneyed expressions can be complete; this one isn't. For further details, consult your daily newspaper.

How were initial proposals considered by the parties?—
Unacceptable.
What were negotiations always in danger of?—
Collapsing.
What did preliminary talks result in?—
Deadlock.
What did the threatened strike do?—
Loom.
What menaced the industry?—
Paralysis.
What were the mediators keeping in close touch with?—
The situation.
When did the mediators step in?—
After negotiations had broken down.
Why were mediation agencies making all efforts?—
To avert a major shutdown.
What were the mediators trying to bridge?—
The gap between union and management.
What kind of room did the negotiators confer in?—
Smokefilled.
What kind of all-night sessions were held?—
Hectic.
What kind of all-day sessions were held?—
Turbulent.
What did the parties find themselves at?—
Loggerheads.
When was settlement finally reached?—
At the eleventh hour.
How did the union view the results of negotiations?—
As a distinct victory for the workingman.
How did management view the results of negotiations?—
As a successful holding of the line against encroachment upon employer prerogatives.
How did the public review the results?—
With relief.
In reaching agreement, what did the parties bury?—
The hatchet.
What did both parties have for the mediator?—
Only the highest praise.

LABOR UNIONS AND "IKE" EISENHOWER

American Federationist

President Dwight D. Eisenhower of Columbia University:

"The American university does not operate in an unreal world of its own, concerned solely with the abstract, secluded from the worrisome problems of workaday living, insulated against contact with those other institutions which constitute our national structure.

"Just as the preservation of the American way demands a working partnership among all 146,000,000 Americans, its continued development demands a working partnership between universities and all other free institutions.

"The school that enjoys a partnership with the manufacturing industries and labor unions and mercantile establishments of its community is a better and more productive school in consequence.

"Its influence permeates the entire community and is multiplied many times over, while the school itself—energized by the challenges and dynamism of community life—grows and broadens with each problem it helps to surmount."

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

THIS IS THE TIME of year, right after the holiday season and before our various spring activities get started when many women feel let-down.

"I'm in a rut," your weary neighbor will say. "Guess I'll go out and buy myself a new hat."

"This house gets me down," another will complain and she will set about moving the furniture around the living room.

This is a natural feeling and a wholesome one. We all get in ruts and we feel the necessity of doing something to pull ourselves out of them.

Just buying a new hat or moving the furniture, however, are not the only, or perhaps the best, methods to achieve our ends. Christopher Morley, writing recently in the Saturday Review of Literature says:

"Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do."

Now about doing something silly. I do not think he means doing something silly for the sake of its silliness. Rather, I would say, he means, do something you yourself want to do very much, regardless of how silly it might seem to some one else.

Perhaps you have always wanted to plant some flowers in the vegetable garden. Go ahead and do it!

Perhaps you've always wanted to buy a box of paints and just start painting, but your family or your neighbors have laughed you down. Go buy those paints!

Perhaps you have wanted to play some musical instrument, but have been persuaded that you have no talent. Don't let it worry you. You may have no talent, but you can have fun.

Having fun is worth while, that is, the kind of fun that comes from some sort of activity in which you find self-expression. Women especially need this.

A woman is alone in her house a lot. Housework, much of it, is pretty monotonous. We are beset by ruts. Over and over we wash and iron, we clean and the house gets dirty, we cook, and our meals are soon eaten and forgotten.

Let us not be too sorry for ourselves, however. Let's be sensible enough to do that seemingly silly thing which will bring some much-needed fun into our lives.

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Some People Train Their Children to Be Mercenary

A friend who has no children of her own, but who has numerous small nephews and nieces around her a lot, remarked the other day that children seemed so mercenary these days.

"I know all children are possessive," she said. "And they want every thing they see, but so many of them cannot be happy unless they are buying something."

She went on to tell of one niece in particular who was taken on a shopping expedition every pay-day, which was twice a month, and was brought some toy as a "reward" for good behavior.

We all know that it is better to reward good behavior rather than always merely punish bad behavior, but my friend asked if there weren't other ways of rewarding a child besides taking it to a store and buying it something.

We rather think there is. We talk constantly about having a less materialistic world. We say we must stress spiritual values if our civilization is to survive.

Our world of tomorrow will be what the children of today make it. If these children are never taught that there is something worthwhile that you can't run down to the store and buy, how are they to develop an awareness of spiritual values?

Today's young parents who don't want to see another war had best think on these things. They had best try to figure out something besides a popsicle or a toy balloon to reward the good deeds of their little ones.

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Women Are Advised to Have The Nerve to 'Meddle'

"Are we women using our right to vote and are we using it intelligently?" asks Mrs. J. C. Bradbury, State President of the California Federation of Women's clubs in a recent issue of the "California Clubwoman."

Mrs. Bradbury speaks of the postage stamp issued last year to honor Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Stanton and Carrie Chapman Catt, leaders of the Women's Rights movement.

"One hundred years ago," says Mrs. Bradbury," a few women had the courage to 'meddle' and called a convention to discuss women's rights. We salute these women who blazed the trail!"

"When you see these faces on this stamp," Mrs. Bradbury continues, "thinks of them as women who were not afraid to 'meddle.'"

This experienced clubwoman thinks we do not shoulder our responsibilities as did these leaders of another day. She believes that women should not only vote, but should work at getting others out to vote. She advises women to take an active part in local government, become members of city councils and school boards, and be on hand generally when civic problems are being discussed.

In other words, they should "meddle." It is not only their privilege, it is their duty.

Union Urges Laws

MADISON, Wis. (LPA)—Following in the footsteps of the national CIO convention, the Wisconsin State Industrial Union Council-CIO in its 11th annual convention here passed a resolution pledging itself to a liberal legislation program on both state and national levels.

Bad News

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

I hate to tell you, folks, it's really tough,
But both the Congress and the Legislature—
Get ready for the news, it's raw and rough—
Are just completely full of human nature!

IS DAILY LABOR PAPER POSSIBLE IN THE U. S.?

By RUBEN LEVIN
The Machinists' Monthly Journal

America undoubtedly has the largest labor press in the world, composed of many hundreds of weeklies, bi-weeklies and monthlies. But it has no national labor daily.

Time and again conventions of various trade unions in this country have gone on record in favor of the establishment of such a daily owned by the workers which would champion their cause.

The subject his stirred a good deal of enthusiasm and at times, much heat, but little has been done about it.

Invariably investigation has shown that in this age, when daily newspapers are multi-million dollar business, the obstacles to creation of such a daily by labor are almost insuperable.

BRITISH LABOR DAILY

There are, however, national labor dailies in many other democratic lands having strong trade union movements. Outstanding among these is the "Daily Herald" of London.

It has a huge circulation—approximately 2,250,000, and ranks as one of the largest newspapers in Britain—in the world, too, for that matter. . . .

The "Herald" devotes more space than any other paper to labor news and comment, but it is at the same time a general newspaper, competing with other London newspapers and blanketing all of Britain.

U. S. IS SO BIG

Does the success of the "Daily Herald" show the way by which a labor daily can be put over in the United States? That's doubtful.

Great Britain is a compact little country. A newspaper published in London can reach almost all parts of Britain within a matter of hours. In fact, just about all London papers are national papers—and some have extra plants in other major British cities to print part of the press run.

Furthermore, the labor movement in Britain is probably more mature and the workers somewhat more class conscious. These and other factors help provide a more interested reading public for a labor daily.

EXPENSE VERY GREAT

Vastness of the United States makes it unlikely that a national daily of any kind could get a real hold. The nearest thing to such paper is the "Christian Science Monitor," and the "New York was virtually completed in 1948, as substantial circulation around the country.

America's teeming millions rely for their news on local dailies—and whether they be trade unionists or ordinary citizens, it would seem to be almost an impossible task to sell them on a national daily.

Furthermore, the expense of establishing one, even if organized labor were favorably inclined to do so, would be practically prohibitive.

LOCAL DAILIES?

What about local labor daily newspapers then? In that respect, the prospects are less forbidding, but still beset with difficulties.

More than a century ago there were a number of local labor dailies. They spoke not for unions as such, since few unions existed, but for working class political movements. Of course, newspapers could then be started on almost a "shoestring," but even so most of these papers were short-lived.

In more recent years—that is, after 1900—there were a number of labor and Socialist dailies that had a somewhat longer life. . . .

ITU DAILIES

In addition, the International Typographical Union has from time to time during bitter strikes, launched daily papers as a matter of self-defense. These were financed either through local funds raised directly by the union, or in cooperation with other groups.

Most of them were abandoned after the strikes ended, but three such are still being published in smaller cities. The most notable example is "The Trentonian" of Trenton, N. J. It is an effective, well-edited, attractive, all-around newspaper.

At its last convention, the ITU went further. It adopted a resolution instructing the executive council of the union to "explore the possibilities of a labor-owned daily newspaper of nationwide or continent-wide circulation, to be financed, owned and managed by all bona fide labor organizations of North America which can be interested therein." The ITU's executive council was all directed to approach other labor organizations which "can be interested."

WILL TYPOS SUCCEED?

The resolution cited the manner in which the regular commercial dailies have smeared labor, and contended that "the most effective instrument to combat the corrupt and reactionary daily press would be a labor-owned daily."

It singled out the weekly newspaper LABOR, owned by 15 rail unions, as "a practical demonstration of what can be accomplished in this direction by unions which recognize the need for mutual defense against a common enemy."

Whether anything will come of the ITU resolution remains to be seen. Perhaps the militant "Typos" will succeed where others have failed, but the odds facing the propect are indeed formidable.

GOOD OL' APPLE BUTTER

Wall Street Journal

It's all right to talk about jellies, jams and preserves. Many of them have a deserved place in the culinary scheme. But when it comes to the most salubrious commitant of hot-hearted, brown crusted biscuits and chewy, flavorful johnny-cake a man wants to be sure there is an ample supply of tangy, mouth-watering apple butter on the cellar shelves.

A warm, sunny November day is a good time to make apple butter. The old copper kettle is hung from the crossbar in the backyard. The Northern Spies, Kings and Blue Pearmeains are peeled, quartered and cored, while a few gallons of sweet cider are boiled to the right consistency. Then about ten o'clock the apple slices are put in and the day-long stirring begins. There's an art to making superlative apple butter and part of it is the never-ceasing stirring. Many a farm lad has stood and pushed the long-handled stirring paddle round and round. Naturally, a fellow has to be spelled by a sister once in a while, while he renews his energy with a half dozen gingersnaps and a glass or two of cold creamy milk. Toward dusk time, the brown, bubbling mass begins to thicken. Father watches it closely. The paddle pushes harder and harder. At long last, Mother comes out with the cinnamon, allspice and grated nutmeg. Everyone has a taste of the butter. Opinions are given. The fire is allowed to go lower and lower. Finally just at middle dusk, when the mountain top's sunset pictures are beginning to fade, Father says, "Just right, Mother." The apple butter making is finished for another year.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

BAKERS, CONFECTIONERS
Peter Paul, Inc., 1001 81st Ave.
Hoffman Candy Co., Los Angeles Calif.

DRUG STORES
Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

LOCKSMITHS
All locksmiths in the East Bay area not displaying the union shop card.

PRINTING-NEWSPAPERS
Life
Time
West Coast Printing Co., 467 4th St.
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies' Home Journal
Country Gentleman

STORES
Drummond Appliance Co.—
9315 E. 14th St. (Main)
5115 E. 14th St.
1408 148th Ave.
San Leandro
Clinnick Appliance Co., Fruitvale and MacArthur, Oakland.
Berland's, 1535 Broadway
Cannon's Shoe Store, Cor. 11th and Washington Sts., Oakland
Feltman & Curme, 1208 Washington St., and 1932 Telegraph Ave.
Nisley Shoe Store, 1425 Broadway
F. W. Woolworth Company, Hayward
Vine Pastry Shop 2114 Vine St., Berkeley

APARTMENT HOUSES
Graystone Apartments 26 Lenox Ave.

RESTAURANTS
White Log Taverns
Pinkies, 1221 23rd Ave., Oakland, California.

BARBER SHOPS
The Star Barber Shop, 1926 University Ave., Berkeley
Barber Shop, 5482 College Ave.

MISCELLANEOUS
Bohon or American Appliance Co., Refrigeration Service. 5126 Grove Street.
Anvansino & Mortensen Nursery Co., 14441 Washington Avenue, San Leandro
Jud Whitehead Heater Co., 4111 Broadway, Oakland
West MacArthur and San Pablo, Oakland
I. Magnin Co.
E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco
Phil's Used Car Lot, 3350 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland
Hotel Menlo, 13th & Webster Sts., Oakland
Sealy Mattress Co., 6699 San Pablo Ave.
Bannum Truck Company
Gantner & Mattern Co., 3rd and Berry Sts., San Francisco
West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 - 57th Avenue, Oakland
Blackstone Mfg. Co., N. Y., Tools and Implements
National Mattress Co. 920 - 54th Ave.
National Nut Company, 362 Fourth St.
Goldstone Bros., Overalls
Portland Hotel, 476 - 9th St., Oakland
All Scale Companies not displaying the Union Shop Card.
General Refrigeration Service Co., 5777 Grove Street, Oakland, California
Rio Theatre, Park Street, Alameda.
Times Theatre, Webster Street Alameda, California.